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808 approval No. 50-R208Standard Form 86
AUGUST 1964
U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
(F.P.M. CHAPTER 734)
54-107SECURITY INVESTIGATION DATA
FOR SENSITIVE POSITION

CASE SERIAL NO. (CSC-use only)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Prepare in triplicate, using a typewriter. Fill in all items. If the answer is "No" or "None," so state. If more space is needed for any item, continue under item 28.

1. FULL NAME (Initials and abridgements of full name are not acceptable. If no middle name, show "(NMN)"; if initials only, show "(no given or middle name)"		LAST NAME HICKEL	FIRST NAME <i>Mr.</i> Walter	(MIDDLE NAME) Joseph	2. DATE OF BIRTH Aug. 18, 1919
OTHER NAMES USED. (Maiden name, names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used.) HICKEL, WALTER J.					3. PLACE OF BIRTH Claflin Kansas, U.S.A.
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
6. <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER) <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED		7. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. GIVE DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE. (Give same information regarding all previous marriages and divorces.) Ermalee Strutz, Anchorage, Sept. 11/25. Married Nov. 22/45, Anchorage			

8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE. (If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both. Begin with present and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue under item 28 on other side if necessary.)

FROM	TO	NUMBER AND STREET	CITY	STATE
brth	Jan. '40		Claflin	Kansas
Jan. '40	Sept. '40		Glendale	Calif.
Oct. '40	Oct. '41		Anchorage	Alaska
Nov. '41	Nov. '42		Wichita	Kansas
Nov. '42	Oct. '43		Denver	Colorado
Nov. '43	Dec. '66		Anchorage	Alaska
Dec. '66	present	Governor's Mansion	Juneau	Alaska

9. <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. CITIZEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY BIRTH	<input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZED	ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	DATE, PLACE, AND COURT
	CERT. NO.		PETITION NO.	
<input type="checkbox"/> ALIEN	<input type="checkbox"/> DERIVED-PARENTS CERT. NO(S).		REGISTRATION NO.	NATIVE COUNTRY
			DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY	

10. EDUCATION. (All schools above elementary.)

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM (Year)	TO (Year)	DEGREES
Claflin High School	Claflin, Kansas	1932	1936	

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11. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE. (See also item 29.)

12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER **557-28-6208**13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present) **none**

SERIAL NO. (If none, give grade or rating at separation)	BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.)	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)

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14. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMED FORCES UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS? ☐ YES ☒ NO.
(If answer is "Yes," give details in item 28.)

15. EMPLOYMENT. (List ALL employment dates starting with your present employment. Give both month and year for all dates. Show ALL dates and addresses when unemployed. Give name under which employed if different from name now used.)

FROM	TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency) AND SUPERVISOR (Full name, if known)	ADDRESS (Where employed)	TYPE OF WORK	REASON FOR LEAVING
Feb. '40	9/40	Mortarless Masonry	Los Angeles California	Const.	went to Alaska
1/41	9/41	Alaska Railroad	Anchorage Alaska	boilermaker helper	returned to Kansas to visit folks
12/41	10/42	Beach Aircraft Co.	Wichita Kansas	Inspector	position Army Air Corps
/42	/46	Army Air Corps		Civilian Inspector	
/47	/66	self-employed	Anchorage Alaska	various business interests	
/66		present Governor of Alaska			

16. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISCHARGED (FIRED) FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☒ NO.

17. HAVE YOU EVER RESIGNED (QUIT) AFTER BEING INFORMED THAT YOUR EMPLOYER INTENDED TO DISCHARGE (FIRE) YOU FOR ANY REASON? ☐ YES ☒ NO.
(If your answer to 16 or 17 above is "Yes" give details in item 28. Show the name and address of employer, approximate date, and reasons in each case. This information should agree with the statements made in item 15—EMPLOYMENT.)

18. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, HELD FOR INVESTIGATION OR QUESTIONING, OR CHARGED BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY?
(You may omit: (1) Traffic violations for which you paid a fine of \$30 or less; and (2) anything that happened before your 16th birthday. All other incidents must be included, even though they were dismissed or you merely forfeited collateral.) ☐ YES ☒ NO.

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," GIVE FULL DETAILS BELOW:

DATE	CHARGE	PLACE	LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY	ACTION TAKEN
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26a. REFERENCES. (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are aware of your qualifications and fitness.)

NAME IN FULL

HOME ADDRESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS

YEARS KNOWN

[Redacted]	Anchorage, Alaska	First National Bank	19
[Redacted]	Washington, DC	House of Representatives	16
[Redacted]	Houston, Texas	Michael T. Halbouty	10

26b. CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATES. (Name three persons, such as friends, schoolmates or colleagues, who know you well.)

NAME IN FULL

HOME ADDRESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS

YEARS KNOWN

[Redacted]	Anchorage, Alaska		25
[Redacted]	Anchorage, Alaska	Midnight Sun Broadcasters, Inc.	
[Redacted]	Anchorage		19
[Redacted]	Anchorage, Alaska	First National Bank	19

27. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A FULL FIELD OR BACKGROUND PERSONAL INVESTIGATION BY ANY AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? ☐ YES ☐ NO. (If your answer is "Yes," show in item 28, (1) the name of the investigating agency (2) the approximate date of investigation, and (3) the level of security clearance granted, if known.)

28. SPACE FOR CONTINUING ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS. (Show item numbers to which answers apply. Attach a separate sheet if there is not enough space here.) 27, Various military clearances required as inspector, Army

Air Corps.

20, Tahiti	April /63	April /63	business survey
Japan	March /64	March /64	chairman, economic development mission
Japan	March /65	April /65	"
Europe	spring/65	spring/65	Chamber of Commerce Tour
Japan	Sept. /67	Sept. /67	"
Japan	Feb. /68	Feb. /68	Trade Tour

29. REPORT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED. (This space reserved for FBI use.)

DATE:

Before signing this form check back over it to make sure you have answered all questions fully and correctly.

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

False statement on this form
is punishable by law.

Dec. 16, 1968
(DATE)

(SIGNATURE—Sign original and first carbon copy)

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AGENCY

INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENCY: See Federal Personnel Manual Chapter 736 and FPM Supplement 296-31, Appendix A, for details on when this form is required and how it is used. If this is a request for investigation before appointment, insert "APPL" in the space for Date of Appointment and show information about the proposed appointment in the other spaces for appointment data. The original and the first carbon copy should be signed by the applicant or appointee. Submit the original and the unsigned carbon copy of the form, Standard Form 87 (Fingerprint Chart), and any investigative information about the person received on voucher forms or otherwise, to the United States Civil Service Commission, Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Washington, D.C., 20415. If this is a request for full field security investigation, submit these forms to the attention of the Division of Reimbursable Investigations; if this is a request for preappointment national agency checks, submit these forms to the attention of the Control Section.

RETAIN THE CARBON COPY OF STANDARD FORM 86 (SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT OR APPOINTEE) FOR YOUR FILES

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> EXCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> COMPETITIVE. (Include indefinite and temporary types of competitive appointments.)	CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION NUMBER OR OTHER APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY	TITLE OF POSITION AND GRADE OR SALARY
DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY	DUTY STATION	SEND RESULTS OF PREAPPOINTMENT CHECK TO:	
THIS IS A SENSITIVE POSITION			
(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZING AGENCY OFFICIAL)			

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Records Branch

_____, 19____

☐ Name Searching Unit - Room 6527☒ Service Unit - Room 6524☒ Forward to File Review☐ Attention _____☒ Return to _____

Supervisor _____

Room 1260

Ext. _____

Type of References Requested:

☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)☒ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)☐ Subversive References Only☐ Nonsubversive References Only☐ Main _____ References Only

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Type of Search Requested:

☐ Restricted to Locality of _____☒ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)☐ Buildup☐ Variations

Subject

Robert A. HICKEL

Birthdate & Place

1893 Kansas

Address

Dec. 1967

Localities _____

R# _____

Date 12-30-68

Searcher _____

Initials NR

Prod. _____

FILE NUMBER

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Records Branch

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Type of Search Requested:

☐ Restricted to Locality of _____☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)☐ Buildup☐ Variations

Subject

EMMA HICKES

Birthdate & Place

1894 Kansas

Address

1962 - deceased

Localities _____

R# _____

Date

12/30/68

Searcher

Initials

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Prod. _____

FILE NUMBER

SERIAL

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12/24, 1968

- ☒ Name Searching Unit - Room 6527
☐ Service Unit - Room 6524
☒ Forward to File Review
☐ Attention _____
☒ Return to _____ - 1260-2557
Supervisor Room Ext.

☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)
☒ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
☐ Subversive References Only
☐ Nonsubversive References Only
☐ Main _____ References Only

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☐ Restricted to Locality of _____
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

☐ Buildup ☐ Variations
mta 77-74324 - 2/57

Subject Walter Joseph Gekko
Birthdate & Place 1/1
Address

Localities _____

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

TO SACS WASHINGTON FIELD (BSM) ENC. (5)

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

Walter J. Hickel
WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL, SPECIAL INQUIRY,

BUDED: DECEMBER TWENTYSEVEN, NEXT, WITHOUT FAIL.

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NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF HICKEL WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO THE PRESIDENT-ELECT. HICKEL WAS BORN AUGUST EIGHTEEN, ONE NINE ONE NINE, AT CLAFLIN, KANSAS, AND IS MARRIED TO ERMALEE STRUTS.

PREVIOUSLY PRESIDENT OF HICKEL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, AND GOVERNOR OF ALASKA, ONE NINE SIX SIX TO DATE.

PRIOR INVESTIGATION OF HICKEL IN ONE NINE FIVE SEVEN SHOULD BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE.

RETURN TO YOUNG ROOM 1258.

NOTE: Request received today from President-Elect.

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
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Callahan _____
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Teletype to Washington Field
Re: Walter Joseph Hickel

JOE, BORN U. S. A. ONE NINE FIVE FOUR, ADDRESS AS JUNEAU,
ALASKA, AMERICAN CITIZEN; KARL, BORN U. S. A. ONE NINE SIX
TWO, ADDRESS AS JUNEAU, ALASKA, AMERICAN CITIZEN.

REFERENCES AND ASSOCIATES: [REDACTED] ANCHORAGE,
ALASKA, BUSINESS ADDRESS AS FIRST NATIONAL BANK, KNOWN FOR
NINETEEN YEARS; [REDACTED] WASHINGTON, D. C., BUSINESS
ADDRESS AS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, KNOWN FOR SIXTEEN YEARS;
[REDACTED] HOUSTON, TEXAS, BUSINESS ADDRESS AS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] KNOWN FOR TEN YEARS; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, KNOWN FOR TWO FIVE YEARS;
[REDACTED] ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, BUSINESS
ADDRESS AS MIDNIGHT SUN BROADCASTERS, INC., ANCHORAGE, ALASKA,
KNOWN FOR NINETEEN YEARS; [REDACTED]
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, BUSINESS ADDRESS AS FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
KNOWN FOR NINETEEN YEARS.

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NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED UNLESS
INFORMATION DEVELOPED WOULD INDICATE IT DESIRABLE, AT WHICH
TIME BUREAU PERMISSION SHOULD BE REQUESTED.

PSQ BEING FORWARDED TO ANCHORAGE BY AIRTEL.

DUE TO THE URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE
BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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Teletype to Washington Field
Re: Walter Joseph Hickel

RELATIVES: MOTHER AND FATHER DECEASED. BROTHERS:

[REDACTED] ADDRESS AS FEDERAL WAY,
WASHINGTON, AMERICAN CITIZEN; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADDRESS AS ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, AMERICAN CITIZEN;

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[REDACTED] ADDRESS AS CLAFLIN,
KANSAS, AMERICAN CITIZEN. SISTERS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADDRESS AS WICHITA, KANSAS, AMERICAN CITIZEN;

[REDACTED] ADDRESS AS WICHITA,
KANSAS, AMERICAN CITIZEN; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADDRESS AS WICHITA, KANSAS, AMERICAN CITIZEN; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADDRESS AS CLAFLIN, KANSAS,
AMERICAN CITIZEN [REDACTED]

ADDRESS AS GREAT BEND, KANSAS, AMERICAN CITIZEN; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADDRESS AS LITTLETON,
COLORADO, AMERICAN CITIZEN. WIFE: ERMALEE STRUTZ, BORN U. S. A.

ONE NINE TWO FIVE, ADDRESS AS JUNEAU, ALASKA, AMERICAN CITIZEN.

SONS: [REDACTED] ADDRESS AS PORTLAND,
OREGON, AMERICAN CITIZEN; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADDRESS AS SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AMERICAN CITIZEN;

[REDACTED] ADDRESS AS FAIRBANKS,
ALASKA, AMERICAN CITIZEN; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADDRESS AS SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AMERICAN CITIZEN;

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale *[Signature]*

DATE: December 23, 1968

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRIES
NIXON ADMINISTRATION
CABINET APPOINTEES

Tolson ☒
DeLoach ☒
Mohr ☐
Bishop ☐
Casper ☐
Callahan ☐
Conrad ☐
Felt ☒
Gale ☒
Rosen ☐
Sullivan ☐
Tavel ☐
Trotter ☐
Tele. Room ☐
Holmes ☐
Gandy ☐

We have today received requests for investigations from the Nixon Administration of the following individuals who have been named to Mr. Nixon's Cabinet:

Clifford M. Hardin; Secretary of Agriculture;

Walter J. Hickel, Secretary of the Interior;

Melvin R. Laird, Secretary of Defense;

George W. Romney, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development;

George P. Shultz, Secretary of Labor;

John A. Volpe, Secretary of Transportation;

Maurice H. Stans, Secretary of Commerce.

Original in file on Hardin

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ACTION:

The cases have been ordered separately to the field for immediate attention, and you will be advised of any unusual developments. The field has been instructed to conduct no neighborhood investigations in these cases without prior Bureau approval.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 - 1 - Mr. Bishop
 - 1 - Mr. Gale
 - 1 - Mr. Cleveland
 - 1 - Mr. Young
- Director w/ [Signature]*
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DHY:dbh
(6) *[Signature]*

ENCLOSURE *161-5789-2*

12/23/68

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To: SAC, Anchorage

From: Director, FBI

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WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: DECEMBER 27, 1968
WITHOUT FAIL.

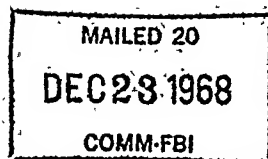
Re Bureau teletype dated 12/23/68.

Enclosed herewith for Anchorage is one SF-86
concerning Hickel.

Enc.

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MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 12/24/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/24/68
TITLE OF CASE WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 150px;"></div>	TYPED BY lmr
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPI	b6 b7C

REFERENCE: Bureau teletype dated 12/23/68.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NONE						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i> COPIES MADE: 1 Bureau (AMSD) 1 San Francisco (161-1267)						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
						DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
						161-5789-4	
						NOT RECORDED DEC 26 1968	
Dissemination Record of Attached Report						Notations	
Agency						Spec <i>[Signature]</i>	
Request Recd.							
Date Fwd.							
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: ROBERT D. ROBY
Date: December 24, 1968

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Field Office File #: 161-1267

Bureau File #:

Title: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: No credit or police record for Appointee's son, [redacted]
San Francisco, California. No credit record for son, [redacted]
[redacted] Santa Clara, California; [redacted]
[redacted]

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DETAILS:

Appointee indicated son [redacted] resides San Francisco, California. Check of current City and Telephone Directories revealed no listing for a [redacted]

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation was conducted by
SE [redacted]

A check of the records of the San Francisco Police Department on December 24, 1968, revealed no record for a [redacted]

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SF 161-1267
RDR:LMR

The following investigation was conducted by SA
JOHN M. PAGE on December 24, 1968:

AT SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA

[redacted] University of Santa Clara, advised that all offices on the campus are closed for the Christmas holidays. She advised that a roster of students listed one [redacted] in attendance at the University of Santa Clara, as a resident of the dormitory known as The Alameda on campus. Miss [redacted] stated that there was no one presently at the dormitory since it is closed for the Christmas holidays.

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Officer [redacted], Records Section, Santa Clara Police Department, advised that [redacted] son of the Governor of Alaska, and a student at the University of Santa Clara, is personally known to him. [redacted] stated that

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] is a likeable young college

AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

[redacted] 425 Almaden, which also reports credit information for San Francisco, advised that the records of this agency contain no information identifiable with [redacted] Santa Clara, or [redacted] San Francisco.

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[redacted] Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, advised that this agency has no information identifiable with [redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE HOUSTON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 12/24/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/24/68
TITLE OF CASE WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL		REPORT MADE BY SA LEON F. BROWN	TYPED BY SJM
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

REFERENCE: Butel, 12/23/68.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED NONE						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Report of: SA LEON F. BROWN
Date: December 24, 1968

Office: Houston, Texas

Field Office File #: 161-357

Bureau File #:

Title: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: [redacted] Houston, Texas, business
associate and friend of HICKEL highly recommended
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On December 24, 1968, [redacted] advised
he is principally engaged in the business of a [redacted]
[redacted] and
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[redacted] said he met WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL when
he went to Alaska to engage in [redacted] there.
They have been close friends since then. For a while they
were [redacted]
[redacted]

Mr. [redacted] said he has always been very fond of
HICKEL and an admirer of his because HICKEL is the type of
person who has an intense desire to accomplish. He explained
that HICKEL has never considered personal material gain as
accomplishment, but rather those things which he could do
for Alaska and the United States. Mr. [redacted] said there

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could be no question about HICKEL's character, reputation, habits, associates or loyalty to the United States. He said he is a man of great integrity. [] said HICKEL is a man of common sense, judgment, discretion and an inherently intelligent person. He pointed out HICKEL's record has shown an outstanding quality as an administrator and executive.

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Mr. [] said he believes HICKEL will do more in the position, for which [] knows him to be under consideration, than anyone else [] knows about. He said the best way he could express his complete recommendation of HICKEL would be to say that if he were President of the United States and wanted to appoint someone for this position, he would want to select a man who had a deep appreciation for "natural values"; and this man has this quality more than any man he knows. [] said he feels qualified to judge in this regard because he, [] is an earth scientist and knows what "natural values" are.

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Mr. [] said HICKEL understands "natural values" not only as applied to the welfare of Alaska but in broad terms of the nation as a whole. He recalled in 1957 HICKEL had no thought of ever being in politics, yet at that time talked of statehood for Alaska as a means of working together for the good of the nation as a whole. This was because he knew and understood "natural values".

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REPORTING OFFICE PORTLAND	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 12/24/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/24/68
TITLE OF CASE WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY tms
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

REFERENCES: Bureau teletype to WFO, Portland, and certain other Offices dated 12/23/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The active investigation which verified the full name of Governor HICKEL's son as [redacted] his status as married, his wife's name as [redacted] his employment as a [redacted] for Union Oil Company of California at Portland, Oregon, and his current residence as [redacted] Portland, Oregon, was information confidentially obtained from Mr. [redacted] Union Oil Company of California, 1776 S.W. Madison Street, Portland, Oregon, by SA RONALD E. SHERK. Mr. [redacted] is a personal contact of SA SHERK.

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[REDACTED] HAD NO OTHER UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION, BUT SAID
WOULD NOT RECOMMEND HICKEL FOR GOVERNOR OF TERRITORY FOR
ABOVE REASONS.

INQUIRY, FAIRBANKS, REVEALS [REDACTED] NOW LOCATED TWO THREE
ZERO FOURTH AVENUE, NORTH EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, IN CARE OF
MRS. [REDACTED]

SEATTLE INTERVIEW.

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SA [redacted]

Office: Portland, Oregon

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Date:

December 24, 1968

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Bureau File #:

Title:

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

No derogatory credit information re [redacted]
or his wife [redacted] Portland, Oregon. No identification
record of [redacted] or [redacted]
[redacted] at Portland, Oregon, in 1967 and
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AT PORTLAND, OREGON

CREDIT RECORDS

The records of the Portland Retail Credit Association, Panama Building, as furnished by clerk [redacted] on December 24, 1968, show that that agency has a record concerning [redacted] an employee of the Union Oil Company of California, at Portland, Oregon, since at least April, 1967. The credit records contain no derogatory information.

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On December 24, 1968, the files of the Credit Bureau Metro, Portland, were checked by [redacted] who stated that there is no record concerning Mr. or Mrs. [redacted] in the files of that organization.

IDENTIFICATION RECORDS

On December 24, 1968, the files of the Portland Police Department, Records Division, as checked by clerk [redacted] and the files of the Portland Police Department, Intelligence Division, as checked by Officer [redacted] disclosed no record identifiable with [redacted]

On December 24, 1968, the files of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office as checked by clerk [redacted] disclosed no record concerning [redacted] and only two minor traffic citations concerning [redacted] these being as follows:

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The records contained no other details in connection with these two traffic citations.

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SEATTLE VIA WASHINGTON

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MR. CLEVELAND
ROOM 4246
[Signature]

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FOR INFORMATION OF SEATTLE, BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED

REINTERVIEW OF ALL PERSONS WHO, IN PRIOR INVESTIGATION, FURNISHED
DEROGATORY INFORMATION.

IN PRIOR NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN INVESTIGATION, []

[] THEN U.S. MARSHAL, FAIRBANKS, ADVISED ACQUAINTANCE

WITH HICKEL THROUGH POLITICAL ASSOCIATIONS. AS HICKEL WAS THEN

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN FOR ALASKA. [] STATED

DID NOT SEE EYE TO EYE WITH HICKEL POLITICALLY AND ADMITTED

HIS OPINION MIGHT BE PREJUDICED. STATED HICKEL HAD TENDENCY

TO PLACE PARTY LOYALTY ABOVE INDIVIDUAL CAPABILITY IN MAKING

APPOINTMENTS. SAID HICKEL MADE STATEMENT TO EFFECT

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REFERENCES:

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Date: December 26, 1968

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Bureau File #:

Title: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

[redacted] reside in Littleton, Colorado. Satisfactory credit record and no arrest record with exception of traffic citations located for [redacted]

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DETAILS:

Investigation at Denver and Littleton, Colorado was conducted by SA ROY I. MISCHKE, unless otherwise indicated.

RELATIVES

[redacted] station KBTU, 1089 Bannock Street, Denver, Colorado, advised on December 24, 1968, that Mr. [redacted] was formerly employed as an [redacted] by that station, and that he and his wife, Mrs. [redacted] reside at [redacted] Littleton, Colorado. He stated Mr. [redacted] is presently employed as an [redacted] at Denver Technological Center.

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On December 26, 1968, Mrs. [redacted] Littleton, Colorado, advised that [redacted] and small children presently reside at [redacted] Littleton, Colorado, and that all members of the family enjoy an excellent reputation in the neighborhood.

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CREDIT AND ARREST

There is no credit reporting agency at Littleton, Colorado, which is covered by records of the Retail Credit Men's Association (RCMA), Denver, Colorado;

On December 26, 1968, Miss [redacted] Denver, Colorado, advised IC [redacted] that [redacted] and wife [redacted] have been known to the files of that agency since 1960, and that they have had an entirely satisfactory credit record since that time. These records reflect that they reside at [redacted] Littleton, Colorado, and do not contain any information unfavorable to them.

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On December 26, 1968, Mrs. [redacted] Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles, advised IC [redacted] that records of that agency reflect that both [redacted] Littleton, Colorado, hold current Colorado States Operator's Licenses. These records reflect that [redacted] a white male, [redacted] a white female, [redacted] Her record is entirely clear and his record reflects only that he received citations for [redacted]

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On December 26, 1968, Chief [redacted] Littleton Police Department, Littleton, Colorado, advised Special Agent ROY I. MISCHKE that records of that department do not contain any information relative to [redacted] or [redacted]

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[redacted] These records do not reflect disposition.

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Captain [REDACTED] Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Littleton, Colorado, advised Special Agent ROY I. MISCHKE on December 26, 1968, that records of that agency do not contain any information relative to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On December 24, 1968, Technician [REDACTED] Identification Bureau, Denver Police Department, advised IC [REDACTED] that records of that department do not contain any information identifiable with [REDACTED]
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		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY <i>Vern Lottely - Anchorage</i>	

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Bureau teletype to Washington Field Office and other offices dated 12/23/68.

Bureau teletype to Anchorage dated 12/24/68.

Anchorage radiogram to Bureau and Seattle dated 12/24/68.

Anchorage radiogram to Bureau, Seattle and Honolulu dated 12/26/68.

Report of SA EDWARD G. GOUGH at Anchorage dated 4/12/57.

Reports of SA JOHN E. PEYTON at Anchorage dated 3/26/57, 3/15/57, 3/11/57 and 2/27/57.

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Field Office File #: 77-867

Bureau File #:

Title: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

FBI conducted EAG investigation in 1962 concerning organization in which WALTER J. HICKEL was a partner. Investigation disclosed HICKEL did not actively participate in management of this firm. Federal Grand Jury returned true bill on February 20, 1963; indictment was dismissed on May 27, 1963; re-presented to Federal Grand Jury on November 4, 1963, and a "no true bill" was returned. "Anchorage Daily News," October 30, 1966, contains an article which disclosed tax suit by State of Alaska against HICKEL. Attorney for Hickel Investment Company states tax suit involved highly technical points of law which had been resolved against HICKEL and suit has been settled. Some acquaintances report they would not recommend HICKEL and consider him to be ruthless, self-centered, an immature statesman, and a very brash individual and may be influenced by party loyalty and friends in making decisions. Widow of former business partner does not recommend because of alleged failure to abide by agreement with deceased husband to protect her interests and security upon death of husband. References and numerous acquaintances, including business associates and competitors, report favorably and recommend HICKEL for Secretary of the Interior or responsible Government position. Some of these individuals report HICKEL as energetic, hard working, intelligent, stubborn, egotistical, dynamic, and not too polished. Other of these individuals report HICKEL outspoken, a "tremendous visionary" who will honestly state his opinions. HICKEL and family reported loyal Americans,

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[redacted]
First National Bank of Anchorage, 646 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, advised SA [redacted] on December 23, 1968, that Mr. [redacted] of the bank, is presently on vacation with his family in Montego Bay, Jamaica, and will not return to Anchorage until January 5, 1969.

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On December 26, 1968, LEWIS J. CONRAD, Director, U. S. Internal Revenue Service, advised he received a telephone request from Internal Revenue Service, Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, December 24, 1968, for tax information regarding WALTER J. HICKEL and his business affiliates. This request was the result of inquiry by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C. Information regarding related tax matters was furnished to Internal Revenue Service, Washington, D. C., telephonically on the same date. Mr. CONRAD advised SA [redacted] that information relating to tax litigation five or six years ago involving HICKEL was furnished to Internal Revenue Service, Washington, D. C.

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On December 26, 1968, [redacted] Chief of Police, Seward, Alaska, advised SA [redacted] that Mrs. HELEN D. BROSIUS is deceased. Mrs. BROSIUS furnished derogatory information concerning WALTER J. HICKEL during investigation conducted by the FBI in 1957.

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of reputable associations, with close family ties. Credit satisfactory. No arrest record located for HICKEL or members of family, except [REDACTED]

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Details:

MISCELLANEOUS

The Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted an investigation in 1962 captioned Clark's Painting and Decorating; [] - Partner; WALTER J. HICKEL - Partner; Fraud Against the Government. This investigation was predicated upon information received from the Office of Special Investigations, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, advising that Clark's Painting and Decorating held five contracts for interior painting of quarters on Elmendorf Air Force Base since 1959 and used a latex base undercoat on certain portions of the work in lieu of oil base undercoat as specified in the contracts. This firm is also alleged to have purchased a total of 320 gallons of latex enamel undercoat during the period January 17, 1961, through July 29, 1961, and invoices of the paint supplier disclosed the above paint was for use on the Air Force contracts.

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[] furnished a voluntary signed statement on August 23, 1962, advising that he was a partner in Clark's Painting and Decorating Company, Anchorage, Alaska, and that the other partner was WALTER J. HICKEL. [] stated that the company held a contract with the U. S. Air Force for painting of interiors of apartments on Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, and that the contract was completed in early 1962.

He said specifications of the contract called for an oil base undercoater and an oil base enamel on the walls and ceilings of the kitchen and bathroom of the apartments. [] stated that in some of the apartments a latex enamel undercoat was used in lieu of the oil base enamel undercoat as specified in the contract, and that the latex paint was used for the convenience of the occupant of the apartment.

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He said the Air Force became aware of the fact latex enamel undercoater was used in one apartment and objected to its use. [] added that he thereafter submitted samples of latex undercoater to the Air Force and requested authority to use this paint in occupied apartments. He said the Air Force would not authorize use of the latex enamel undercoat and that he did not use any more of this paint in the remaining apartments to be painted but used the oil base enamel as specified in the contract.

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[] also advised in the above mentioned statement that from a cost standpoint there was little savings in use of latex paint over oil base paint as specified in the contract and that he had no intention of defrauding the Government by use of latex paint where this paint was used.

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[] also advised on August 23, 1962, that his partner, WALTER J. HICKEL, did not actively participate in the management of the firm.

U. S. Attorney WARREN C. COLVER, Anchorage, advised on February 20, 1963, that this case had been presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Anchorage on February 20, 1963. []

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The U. S. Attorney's Office, Anchorage, made available information on May 17, 1963, which disclosed that on March 7, 1963, the attorney representing Clark's Painting and Decorating filed a motion in U. S. District Court, Anchorage, to dismiss the Indictments for the following reasons:

No count of the Indictment alleges a crime.

No count of the Indictment states the facts of the alleged fraud, but are mere legal conclusions.

All counts of the Indictment are uncertain.

The above motion was heard by U. S. District Judge WALTER H. HODGE on May 27, 1963, at which time he dismissed the Indictment against Clark's Painting and Decorating.

Assistant U. S. Attorney [] Anchorage, advised on June 17, 1963, that this case would be represented to the next Grand Jury.

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U. S. Attorney WARREN C. COLVER, Anchorage, advised on November 18, 1963, that this case was presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Anchorage on November 4, 1963, and a "No True Bill" was returned.

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The following investigation was conducted at Anchorage, Alaska, by SA [redacted] on December 24, 1968:

Mrs. [redacted] Librarian, "Anchorage Times," 820-W. 4th Avenue, advised her library does not contain files on individuals as such; however, source material is maintained under subject matters. She indicated that the material made available under these circumstances could not be construed as containing all news articles printed concerning any one individual. She made available her files relating to the Governor of Alaska and indicated that it relates exclusively to Mr. HICKEL's activities in business prior to his assuming the office of Governor and his activities in the Governor's Office to date. She pointed out that this file also contains articles from the "Anchorage Daily News," as well as articles from other newspapers printed in Alaska.

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A review of the material furnished reflects numerous articles concerning Mr. HICKEL's activities in business and politics from 1955 through the current date. All articles reviewed commented favorably regarding Mr. HICKEL's political and business activities with the exception of an article appearing on October 30, 1966, in the "Anchorage Daily News," entitled "Resume on HICKEL - Previous Experience in Government." This article related to background and personal information regarding Mr. HICKEL, who was then campaigning for Governor of Alaska, and under a paragraph entitled "Conflicting Interests," the article related, "Mr. HICKEL was involved in a tax suit filed by the state, and he has a loan of more than \$540,000 from the state's development corporation."

[redacted] Receptionist, "Anchorage Daily News," 2nd Avenue and Post Road, advised the "News" does not maintain a library or newspaper "morgue."

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On December 24, 1968, Mr. [REDACTED] Publisher, "Daily News-Miner", Fairbanks, Alaska, made available to SA [REDACTED] the file of newspaper clippings from the "Daily News-Miner" concerning Governor WALTER J. HICKEL, and nothing of a derogatory nature was found.

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EMPLOYMENT

On December 24, 1968, [redacted]
[redacted] Hickel Investment Company, 621 East Fifth Avenue, advised that he has known Governor WALTER J. HICKEL very well since 1952 and had been employed in the position of [redacted] from 1960 until his present employment as [redacted] of Hickel Investment Company. He said this company is the parent company of all the HICKEL enterprises, which includes a one-half partnership in the Northern Lights Shopping Center, a one-half partnership in the Captain Cook Hotel and a one-half partnership in Clark's Painting and Decorating, all Anchorage, Alaska. He said the Hickel Investment Company completely owns the following organizations:

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Travelers Inn of Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska

Alaskan Plumbing and Heating, Inc., Anchorage

Parsons Hotel, Anchorage

Mountain View Shopping Center, Anchorage

Northland Pipe and Supply, Anchorage

[redacted] added that Hickel Investment Company also owns other smaller properties which are leased and operated by other organizations or individuals. He said the Northern Lights Shopping Center is owned in partnership with [redacted] of the Anchorage Cold Storage, Anchorage, and added that [redacted] owns and controls numerous other properties in Alaska and in the State of Washington. [redacted] stated that the Captain Cook Hotel is owned in partnership with [redacted] and added that the latter individual owns a construction company in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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[redacted] further advised that when HICKEL became Governor of the State of Alaska, a trusteeship was established to operate the Hickel Investment Company and that the trustees include [redacted] an Anchorage attorney, [redacted] who is the [redacted] of Governor HICKEL, and himself. He said

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the legal operations of Hickel Investment Company are controlled by these three trustees and that it is his understanding this trusteeship will continue during the period that Governor HICKEL is employed as an official of the U. S. Government. He added that this arrangement was made to prevent any conflict of interest which might otherwise have resulted as the result of the election of WALTER HICKEL as Governor of the State of Alaska.

[] stated that he has represented the Hickel Investment Company in financing, land purchases and all phases of operations and construction and that he can state positively that all dealings of the company have been entirely reputable. He said Governor HICKEL started the company around 1947 as a construction company and through his ability, integrity and hard work has developed the company into a successful organization which is presently worth several million dollars. b6 b7C

[] also stated that he has found Governor HICKEL to be a completely honest, reliable and trustworthy individual of the highest integrity and whose character is above reproach. He said HICKEL is a man of reputable associations and unquestionable loyalty to the U. S.

[] stated that he has also known Governor HICKEL's wife, ERMALEE, his six sons; and Governor HICKEL's [] and the latter's wife, [] and their 13 children very well for many years. He said the entire HICKEL family are people whose character is above reproach and whose loyalty to the U. S. is above question. b6 b7C

He said the families of Governor HICKEL and his [] are highly respected in the State of Alaska and that they are very close and religious families. He said Governor HICKEL is a very dynamic and conscientious individual who is not afraid to make decisions and who uses excellent judgment. b6 b7C

[] said he is aware that Governor HICKEL has been appointed for the position of Secretary of Interior and that based upon his personal knowledge of Governor HICKEL's ability in business matters and experience gained through being Governor of Alaska, he highly recommended Governor HICKEL for this position. He said HICKEL will make any

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decisions required of his position without bias and without regard for political motivation or personal considerations. He added that HICKEL will unhesitatingly make decisions even if not popular if HICKEL feels that such a decision is a proper decision and the best decision for the country.

[] further advised that he is aware of an allegation made several years ago against Clark's Painting and Decorating to the effect that this organization was not using paint meeting Government specifications in connection with a Government contract involving buildings on Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. [] said that Hickel Investment Company is in partnership with [] in Clark's Painting and Decorating and that all business of this organization, including all bookkeeping and the bidding and handling of Government contracts is operated completely and solely by []

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He said Hickel Investment Company entered into a partnership agreement with [] at a time when the latter needed financing and primarily because Hickel Investment Company needed a reliable paint contractor who could insure the availability of competent manpower as needed to handle the extensive painting and decorating involved in enterprises operated by the Hickel Investment Company. He said the contract of partnership with [] was made as a matter of convenience and was also based upon sound economic business reasons. He said [] is a reputable businessman and has stated that he had no intentions whatsoever to defraud the U. S. Government in connection with the above mentioned matter and did, in fact, use paint of a better quality than that specified in the Government contract.

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On December 24, 1968, [] [] Hickel Investment Company, advised that he has been associated with this company for the past three years. He said Hickel Investment Company is a construction and lease development company which operates and leases numerous properties in the State of Alaska. He said the company is presently headed by Governor HICKEL's [] [] who holds the title of President.

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said he has known Governor HICKEL on a casual basis for many years, that he has known [] very well for approximately ten years and the latter's wife casually during this period. He said that the Hickel Investment Company is a highly reputable organization which is operated profitably and that all dealings and operations with which he is familiar have been highly ethical.

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[] further advised that the character of Governor HICKEL, [] and their families is above reproach and that their loyalty to the U. S. is unquestionable. He said their associations are entirely reputable and added that they are active in community affairs and are very active in their church. He said Governor HICKEL has a reputation for being a very honest and conscientious individual and also has the reputation of being very aggressive to accomplish something worthwhile.

He said Governor HICKEL has been a highly successful businessman and in his opinion has performed very well as the Governor of Alaska. [] said he is aware that Governor HICKEL has been appointed to the position of Secretary of Interior and that based upon his knowledge of Governor HICKEL's ability, loyalty and honesty, he highly recommended him for this position or for any other high Government office.

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[] also advised that he has met Governor HICKEL's other [] and that they impressed him very favorably. [] said he had met the Governor's father prior to the latter's death and found him to be a very reputable man who had formerly operated a farm in the State of Kansas.

[] further advised he has learned of an incident that occurred several years ago in which Clark's Painting and Decorating had been alleged to have used paint other than that specified by the Government in connection with a Government contract involving buildings located at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. [] said that he had received this information from [] who is a partner of Hickel Investment Company in Clark's Painting and Decorating.

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He said that information received by him from Mr. [] disclosed that the latter used paint which was actually better than that specified by the Government and that there was absolutely no intention on the part of Clark's Painting and Decorating to defraud the Government in anyway.

[] said that all operations of Clark's Painting and Decorating, including the bidding and handling of Government contracts, are under the direction of []. He said the Hickel Investment Company does not participate in the operations of Clark's Painting and Decorating and added that Hickel Investment Company became a partner in this organization for the primary purpose of assuring competent workmen would be immediately available to handle the painting and decorating demands of the various enterprises operated by Hickel Investment Company. He added that it was also economically more feasible to have an interest in a painting and decorating company because of the extensive use and need for the services of such a company.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] at Anchorage, Alaska, on
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First National Bank of Anchorage, 646 W. 4th Avenue,
advised he has been personally acquainted with Governor
WALTER J. HICKEL for the past 17 years and he is aware that
the Governor has been appointed as Secretary of the Interior.
He further commented that the First National Bank of Anchorage
is closely associated with the appointee's various businesses
and it handles the majority of financial transactions for
Hickel Enterprises, Inc. Prior to 1966, when the appointee
was elected Governor of Alaska, the appointee handled most
of the business himself; however, since assuming the Governor's
position, the appointee's [redacted]
[redacted] and Attorney [redacted] have handled the manage-
ment of business affairs of Hickel Enterprises, Inc. He
further stated that he has known [redacted] and his
family for approximately 15 years and holds them in the
highest regard in the Anchorage community.

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He stated that he holds the appointee in the
highest regard as to his character, reputation, and
associates, and he knows the appointee to be extremely
loyal to the U. S. Government. The appointee has six
children who are all boys, one by a former marriage, and
five by his present wife, ERMALEE. The appointee's first
wife died shortly after childbirth of their first son. He
knows the appointee to be a very good family man.

He has known the appointee as an energetic and
hard working individual who always takes a personal interest
in any venture to make sure that the best possible job will
be done. He recommends the appointee without reservation
for a position of the highest trust in the United States.

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[[[redacted]]] Attorney, 411 G Street, advised he has known Governor HICKEL for the past six years and he presently represents Hickel Enterprises, Inc., in all legal matters.

He stated that Hickel Enterprises, Inc., as such, does not exist and is not incorporated; however, most people in the Anchorage business community refer to Hickel Enterprises, Inc. Hickel Enterprises, Inc., is a name given to the following businesses:

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Hickel Investment Company,
Alaska Plumbing and Heating Company, Inc.,
Northland Pipe and Supply Company, Inc.,
Travelers Inn of Fairbanks, Inc.,
Northern Lights Shopping Center, Inc.,
Clarks Painting and Decorating Company, which is
managed by a partner, [[[redacted]]] and
Travelers Inn of Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska.

Prior to the appointee's assuming the position of Governor of Alaska in December, 1966, he managed all of his businesses exclusively; however, since then he has turned the businesses over to his [[[redacted]]] who is President of the businesses, and [[[redacted]]]

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Mr. [[[redacted]]] described the appointee as a very dynamic, extremely intelligent, not too polished individual who has a tendency to act rapidly on decisions without giving them a lot of thought, like other persons would do. He sizes up a situation in a hurry and moves forward to accomplish a goal, giving his 100 percent. He knows of no information which would reflect unfavorably upon appointee's character, reputation, and associates. His loyalty to the United States Government is unimpeachable. He also knows that the appointee is an excellent husband and family man and both he and his family are held in the highest esteem in the Anchorage community.

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Mr. [] stated that appointee has been held in the highest esteem in the Anchorage business community; however, there is one minor occurrence which took place several years ago that may be construed as being unfavorable to appointee and his business. He stated that, although he did not handle the legal matter for the appointee, he has knowledge that appointee's accountants selected to report income in one manner and the state and Federal income tax people disagreed. The state tax matter was handled by [] an Attorney in Juneau, Alaska, and the Federal tax matter was handled by [] an Attorney in Seattle, Washington. Mr. [] stated that this was a highly technical matter in income tax reporting and he believes that it went to the State Supreme Court which ruled against Hickel Enterprises, Inc. This matter has long since been settled.

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Mr. [] stated further that Hickel Enterprises, Inc., presently has pending a dispute with Internal Revenue Service regarding losses incurred as a result of the earthquake in 1964.

Mr. [] stated that the appointee is quite capable of handling a position of highest trust with the U. S. Government and he recommends him without reservation.

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Mr. [] Steward-Grindle, Inc., home builders in Anchorage, 425 Potter Drive, advised that he has known the appointee for the past six years and recalls first meeting the appointee during a Republican Party activity. He was also in the building industry at the same time the appointee was quite active in the industry and he knows the appointee to have the highest reputation as a builder and businessman in the Anchorage community. He knows of nothing which would reflect unfavorably upon the appointee or Hickel Enterprises, Inc.

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Mr. [] stated that through his personal contact with the appointee, he would describe him as a stubborn, bullheaded, egotistical individual for whom he has the highest regard. He knows of nothing which would reflect unfavorably on the appointee's character, reputation, and associates, and he knows the appointee to be a 100 percent loyal American. He would recommend the appointee for a high position of trust with the U. S. Government.

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Mr. C. R. LEWIS, State Senator, and President of C. R. Lewis Company, Inc., 1500 Post Road, advised he has known Governor WALTER J. HICKEL for the past 20 years personally and that he has visited in the Governor's home during receptions, but that he is not a close personal friend. He stated that he is aware that the Governor has been appointed as Secretary of the Interior.

He stated that he once loaned the appointee \$72,000 in a business transaction approximately ten years ago and that the appointee repaid this loan. He stated that his corporation has lost many contracts to Hickel Enterprises, Inc., during the past years and, taking this all into consideration, he knows of nothing which would reflect unfavorably on the appointee's character, reputation, and associates. He said that he would recommend the appointee without reservation for a position of high trust with the U. S. Government.

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The following investigation was conducted at Fairbanks, Alaska, by SA [REDACTED]

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On December 24, 1968, Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Travelers Inn of Fairbanks, advised as follows:

He has been employed by Hickel Hotels since coming to Alaska in May, 1965, and has held his present position since December, 1966. Between May, 1965, and December, 1966, he was manager of the Travelers Inn and was Assistant Manager of the Captain Cook Hotel, both in Anchorage, Alaska. Governor HICKEL is the sole owner of both Travelers Inns and is to acquire sole ownership of the Captain Cook Hotel in January, 1969. At present, he owns 51 percent of the Captain Cook Hotel stock.

He holds the highest respect and admiration for Governor HICKEL and considers HICKEL a dynamic person and one of the finest administrators he has ever seen. Governor HICKEL knows how to get a job done effectively and never makes the same mistake twice. When he wants something done he does it; if it is wrong he will admit it and correct the problem. People may disagree with Governor HICKEL, but do not say anything bad about him.

He is aware Governor HICKEL has been designated for the next Secretary of the Interior and assumes this is the purpose of the inquiry. Although he, [REDACTED] does not know the qualifications for this position, he highly recommends Governor HICKEL and feels if there are certain aspects of the position which Governor HICKEL is not familiar, it will not take him long to learn them.

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The employees of the Travelers Inn have very little contact with Governor HICKEL; such contacts coming only through service to him like other customers whenever he stays at the Inn. He is very fair and good to his employees.

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Governor HICKEL's wife and relatives are persons of high character and whose reputations are very favorable. He mentioned Governor HICKEL's [REDACTED]

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during the past Fall Semester. He then accompanied his father to Washington, D. C., where Governor HICKEL was designated the next Secretary of the Interior.

Governor HICKEL's [REDACTED] is now President of the Hickel enterprises, such position coming because Governor HICKEL resigned as President when he became Governor of Alaska. Governor HICKEL has a [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] by his first wife, is presently working in Portland, Oregon. [REDACTED] is a brilliant person and at one time was studying for the priesthood.

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On December 24, 1968, Mrs. [redacted] [redacted] Local Board 1 and 4, Selective Service System, Anchorage, advised that she has known Governor WALTER J. HICKEL's wife as a close friend for approximately 20 years and has known Governor HICKEL casually during this time. Mrs. [redacted] said she has also known their children very well since birth except their [redacted] whom she has known since he was 14 years of age.

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She said Mrs. HICKEL is a woman of outstanding character who has an excellent community spirit and over the years has been engaged in youth activities through her church in the Anchorage area. She said Governor HICKEL is a very aggressive man who has always had a desire to improve himself both socially and economically, and added that Governor HICKEL has always been honest in stating his desire to improve his position.

She said Governor HICKEL has been very successful as a businessman and has been the subject of some criticism by people who have been associated with him. She added it is her opinion this criticism has primarily resulted because of jealousy concerning the outstanding success of Governor HICKEL. She said the present financial and social position of Governor HICKEL has been to a large extent the result of the devotion and personal integrity of Mrs. HICKEL who is a woman of very high standards and would not be a part of any unethical activity.

Mrs. [redacted] said it is her opinion that Governor HICKEL has been completely honest and trustworthy in his business dealings and associations. She said he is very forthright and will not hesitate to state his feelings regarding any matter regardless of personal considerations, political motivations and the feelings of others. She said Governor HICKEL has a strong temper which he occasionally releases. She said he is a "tremendous visionary" who looks far ahead and plans for the future and that because of this and his tendency to be outspoken, he will probably be the subject of considerable criticism in connection with his Government employment.

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Mrs. [] said she is aware that Governor HICKEL has been appointed Secretary of Interior and that she highly recommended him for this position. She said he is a man of high integrity whom she believes will do very well in this position and added she also believes that Governor HICKEL's success as Secretary of Interior will also depend to a considerable extent upon the ability of subordinates to advise him correctly. She said Governor HICKEL is the type of a man who will listen and gain from constructive criticism but will not be swayed by criticism unless he feels the criticism is just. She said he is also the type of a man who will honestly state his opinions even if he feels his opinions are not popular.

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Mrs. [] further advised that Governor HICKEL's six sons are reputable young men and boys who are well mannered and have been very well reared. She said his []

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Mrs. [] also stated that Governor HICKEL's [] in Clarlin, Kansas, and is presently employed with Hinkel Investment Company and resides with his wife, [] and their 13 children in Anchorage, Alaska. Mrs. [] said

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she is also quite well acquainted with Governor HICKEL's [redacted] who is single and resides in the State of Kansas and that she has met some of his other sisters. Mrs. [redacted] said that she is very well acquainted with [redacted] and his wife and that they are a very close family whose character and integrity is above reproach. She said their children are very well disciplined and have been very well reared.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that she had been quite well acquainted with the parents of Governor HICKEL, both of whom are now deceased, and had formerly resided on a farm in Claflin, Kansas. She said they were exceptionally fine people who had been very proud of their children. Mrs. [redacted] added that all members of the HICKEL family with whom she is acquainted are people of the highest character, reputable associations and of unquestionable loyalty to the U. S.

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On December 24, 1968, [redacted] Kay, Miller and Libbey, Attorneys, 425 G Street, who was formerly Alaska State Chairman of the Democratic Party and a former candidate for Governor of the State of Alaska, advised that he has known Governor HICKEL quite well for the past ten years, and had been casually acquainted with him prior thereto since 1946. [redacted] said he has been casually acquainted with Mrs. HICKEL on a social basis for the past ten years. He said his association with Governor HICKEL has been primarily through business, social and political activities.

[redacted] further advised that he regards Governor HICKEL to be an aggressive, very conscientious man who has done exceptionally well in the business field and who is well regarded by businessmen throughout the State of Alaska. He said Governor HICKEL is a man of the highest integrity whose loyalty to the U. S. is unquestionable. [redacted] said he has never heard of any suggestion of dishonesty or unethical behavior on the part of Governor HICKEL in connection with his business dealings, political activity or personal conduct.

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[redacted] said he is aware that Governor HICKEL has been appointed to the position of Secretary of Interior, and that he highly recommended him for this position. He said Governor

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HICKEL is the type of a man who will, in important matters, consult with others, consider their opinion and then make a decision. He said once Governor HICKEL has made a decision he will defend his position and is not likely to waiver unless proved to be wrong.

[] also advised that he has been very favorably impressed with Mrs. HICKEL during his social contacts with her. [] said he is also casually acquainted with Governor HICKEL's [] and that [] is highly regarded as a loyal American of excellent character and reputable associations.

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On December 24, 1968, []
[] Matanuska Valley Bank, and []
of Swalling Construction Company, who resides at 2601 Marston Drive, advised that he has known Governor HICKEL and his wife as friends and neighbors and through business association since approximately 1948. He added that he is also very well acquainted with their children. He said the character of Governor HICKEL and his family is above reproach in every respect and added that he has never heard of any derogatory information concerning Governor HICKEL personally or in the manner in which he has so successfully developed his business which is known as the Hickel Investment Company.

He said Governor HICKEL is one of the prominent businessmen in the State of Alaska and is a man who is very strong minded and expressive and who will give his true opinions and make decisions without regard for personal considerations or political motivations. He said Governor HICKEL will generally make decisions after consulting with others and receiving their judgment, but that when the situation requires an immediate decision, Governor HICKEL will make the required decision without hesitation and will stand behind his decision. He said it has been his experience that Governor HICKEL has in the past exercised excellent judgment.

[] said he is aware of the fact that Governor HICKEL has been appointed Secretary of Interior and that he highly recommends Governor HICKEL for this position and believes

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him to be highly qualified to handle the responsibilities that will be placed upon his shoulders. He added that Governor HICKEL's outstanding success in business is a further indication of his qualifications for the position. He said his loyalty to the U. S. is unquestionable and that Governor HICKEL is noted to be a man of reputable associations.

[redacted] further advised that he has found Governor HICKEL's children to be very well behaved, well mannered and typical. good. normal. young. American boys. He said the

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[redacted] also stated that he has known Governor HICKEL's [redacted] quite well for approximately 15 years and is also quite well acquainted with his wife and family. He said they are also loyal Americans of excellent character and reputable associations. [redacted] added that [redacted] is presently the nominal head of Hickel Investment Company.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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On December 24, 1968, HOWARD W. POLLOCK, Congressman from Alaska, United States House of Representatives, advised he has known State of Alaska Governor WALTER J. HICKEL and his family since approximately 1951. He considers Governor HICKEL to be a dependable, trustworthy, conscientious, and industrious individual. He advised that Governor HICKEL is a man of unquestionable morals and a patriotic and loyal American.

Congressman POLLOCK stated that Governor HICKEL has been selected as the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior, and he feels that Governor HICKEL is extremely qualified for this position of trust.

POLLOCK stated that Governor HICKEL is a very successful businessman. Governor HICKEL had a modest beginning in the State of Alaska, and in the past 25 years, through his construction and development business, has become a man of wealth. He has never heard any derogatory information about Governor HICKEL in connection with his financial endeavors in Alaska throughout the past 25 years.

POLLOCK advised that Governor HICKEL became politically minded in the early 1950's and has risen in stature and importance, which was culminated in his election as Governor of the State of Alaska in 1966.

He stated that Governor HICKEL is a most capable and energetic leader in Alaska, and has no blemish on his record. He described Governor HICKEL as a very intelligent and dynamic individual, who has given unselfishly of his time to improve the health and wealth of the State of Alaska.

Congressman POLLOCK stated that based on HICKEL's personal, business, and political experience, in addition to being a man of sterling moral character, he unhesitatingly recommended him for any position of trust in the United States Government.

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Congressman POLLOCK advised he is acquainted with Governor HICKEL's immediate family and knew nothing which would reflect adversely on their moral character, associates, and loyalty to the United States.

On December 24, 1968, [REDACTED] REEVE ALEUTIAN AIRWAYS, INC., Anchorage, Alaska, advised he was aware that State of Alaska Governor WALTER J. HICKEL has been appointed to the position of Secretary of the United States Department of Interior. He stated he has known Governor HICKEL and his family for approximately 25 years. He first met Governor HICKEL in approximately 1943, at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, where HICKEL was employed, and where he, [REDACTED] had contact with him when his, [REDACTED]s, airplanes, needed repair or servicing.

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[REDACTED] stated this friendship with HICKEL continued to the present time and he classified it as a social-type friendship. He advised that in the years Governor HICKEL has been in Alaska, he has become a man of wealth due to his shrewd investments and his activity in land promotion and development in Alaska. [REDACTED] advised that he has never participated with Governor HICKEL in any financial matters. He stated his contact with Governor HICKEL has been social and political in certain respects.

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[REDACTED] stated that Governor HICKEL became active in politics in Alaska and gradually increased his importance and influence to the point that in 1966, Governor HICKEL became the elected Governor of Alaska. He stated he was so impressed with Governor HICKEL that he fully endorsed him for this position.

[REDACTED] advised that he considers Governor HICKEL to be a very competent, dynamic, and honest person. His associates include many of the prominent people in Alaska. As Governor of the State of Alaska, [REDACTED] advised Governor HICKEL has dedicated himself to the betterment of Alaska and he is happy with the progress that Governor HICKEL has made.

Governor HICKEL conducts himself extremely well and has surrounded himself with professional associates to accomplish his goals.

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[] stated that Governor HICKEL is a man of excellent morals. There has been no smudge on his sterling character, or on the moral character of his immediate relatives.

[] stated that he is pleased to be acquainted with Governor HICKEL, and based on his associations with him, he strongly recommends Governor HICKEL as a highly qualified and aggressive person for the position of Secretary of the United States Department of Interior.

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On December 24, 1968, []
[] MIDNIGHT SUN BROADCASTERS, INC., Anchorage, Alaska, advised that State of Alaska Governor WALTER J. HICKEL has been appointed to the position of Secretary of the Interior.

[] stated that he has known Governor HICKEL and his family for over 21 years. He considers Governor HICKEL to be an intelligent, trustworthy, conscientious, and industrious person. He stated that Governor HICKEL had a most modest beginning when he arrived in Alaska in 1940, but through his dynamic, aggressive, and shrewd acumen, he has risen to a man of wealth and prominence in the State of Alaska. [] stated this was accomplished by Governor HICKEL's business ventures, which included land development, construction, and other financial investments which have been most remunerative.

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[] advised that in early 1950's, Governor HICKEL became interested in politics and in 1966, he successfully ran for the Governorship of Alaska. [] stated that Governor HICKEL's activities in the construction and real estate development illustrated his common sense ability to direct the affairs of Alaska, and he, [] fully endorsed Governor HICKEL in his efforts to be elected Governor of the State of Alaska. Since he has become Governor, he is most happy with HICKEL's progress and feels that he has been an excellent Governor for the people and the State of Alaska.

[] advised that Governor HICKEL is a man of sterling moral character. In all the years he has known him, he has never heard one word that would reflect adversely on his honesty and morals. Governor HICKEL's associations are of

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the highest, and his loyalty to the United States is unquestionable. [] advised Governor HICKEL's family likewise are individuals of excellent character, associations, and morals. Their loyalty to the United States Government cannot be questioned.

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[] stated that Governor HICKEL is a highly qualified man and he unhesitatingly recommended him for any position of trust in the United States Government.

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On December 24, 1968, [redacted] 718 K Street, Anchorage, Alaska, advised he was aware that State of Alaska Governor WALTER J. HICKEL has been appointed to the position of Secretary of the United States Department of Interior. He advised he has known Governor HICKEL for over 15 years.

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He described Governor HICKEL as a very aggressive, dynamic, talented, energetic, and successful individual. He advised Governor HICKEL had a modest beginning when he arrived in Alaska over 25 years ago, and in the interim, through real estate and other financial investments, he became a man of wealth, and consequently very prominent in the affairs of Alaska.

In the early part of the 1950's, Governor HICKEL became politically minded and this resulted in his election to the position of Governor of Alaska in 1966.

He advised that Governor HICKEL's loyalty to the United States is unquestionable. He stated Governor HICKEL is a man with excellent morals. He is an honest individual, a devoted family man, and attends church regularly. He has never known Governor HICKEL to be involved in any personal scandal. The man is above reproach in this respect.

Dr. [redacted] advised that he is not personally fond of Governor HICKEL, although he has been in frequent social contact with him and has attended him medically, as well as having medically attended his immediate family. He volunteered that he, [redacted] is a member of a political party in opposition to Governor HICKEL's party. [redacted] stated he feels Governor HICKEL is politically ambitious. At the same time, he also believes that Governor HICKEL is politically ruthless. He illustrated this by saying that prior to Governor HICKEL's election, Governor HICKEL had made a statement to the effect that there were not enough good Democrats and Republicans to run the State of Alaska. After his election, he stated HICKEL promptly terminated all of the Democrats in position, and replaced them with Republican appointees.

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[] advised that Governor HICKEL, although a man of prominence and wealth, is, in his opinion, an immature statesman at this time. He is a very brash individual, and, in his opinion, has a tendency to jump into a situation in spite of counseling to the contrary by professional people with whom he associates, or has on his staff.

Dr. [] stated that he declined to make a recommendation for Governor HICKEL for any position of trust in the United States Government for the reason that he does not feel Governor HICKEL is, at this time, mature enough to handle it. He is concerned that Governor HICKEL might be influenced by his prominent circle of friends who represent the many and varied interests in the State of Alaska. b6 b7C

Dr. [] advised that Governor HICKEL's family and other immediate relatives all possess an excellent reputation, in Alaska, and are of excellent character.

On December 26, 1968, [] AEROSPACE SYSTEMS BRANCH, 21st Field Maintenance Squadron, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, advised he has known Governor WALTER J. HICKEL since approximately 1942 or 1943, when Governor HICKEL came to Alaska and began employment at Elmendorf Air Force Base. His initial acquaintance with him developed into a long and lasting friendship following Governor HICKEL's marriage to ERMALEE STRUTZ.

He stated that he and his family continue to be very close friends to Governor HICKEL and his family.

He stated that he considers Governor HICKEL to be a dependable, trustworthy, honest, energetic, and conscientious individual. He advised that Governor HICKEL has an excellent moral character, and that Governor HICKEL and his family have always enjoyed an excellent reputation in the Community. He stated that Governor HICKEL's associations have been excellent and the loyalty and patriotism of Governor HICKEL and each member of his family are unquestionable.

He stated that from a modest beginning, in Alaska, Governor HICKEL, through his energetic, ambitious, and aggressive nature, became a very prominent man and a very wealthy man since he has been in Alaska. He advised he has had no financial

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interests with HICKEL, and that Governor HICKEL's financial interest have never been the subject of any detailed conversation between them. He knows that Governor HICKEL's fortune was amassed through land development and through a construction business. He has never heard any derogatory statements from anyone concerning Governor HICKEL's rise to his present financial status.

He stated that based on his long association with Governor HICKEL, he would recommend him as a man of integrity and intelligence for any position of trust in the United States Government.

On December 26, 1968, Mrs. [REDACTED] Street, Anchorage, Alaska, advised that she was interviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI in 1957, at which time State of Alaska Governor WALTER J. HICKEL was then being considered for the position of Governor, Territory of Alaska. Since that interview, she has had no personal or telephonic contact with HICKEL or members of his family.

She stated that her feelings toward Governor HICKEL have not changed since 1957. She elaborated by stating she became embittered with him in 1954 and 1955, because he failed to keep a bargain that existed between her deceased husband and Governor HICKEL. She advised that in 1948, Governor HICKEL came to them for financial assistance to complete a house he was then building. Assistance was given him and the loans were repaid. Shortly thereafter, Governor HICKEL and her deceased husband formed a corporation to construct some duplex rental houses in Anchorage. About the same time, doctors in Seattle, Washington, determined that her deceased husband was suffering from terminal cancer, and her husband was assured by Governor HICKEL that if anything happened to him, he would protect Mrs. [REDACTED]'s interests and security upon his death. She stated her husband died in 1954, and during the early part of 1955, she discovered that Governor HICKEL was not keeping his part of the bargain and she was forced to sell out to him in 1955. She has had no personal contact with Governor HICKEL or his family since 1955, with the exception of a couple of telephone calls in 1955, which calls related to the business.

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She stated that in the latter part of 1965, she directed a Registered Letter, with a return receipt request, to Mr. HICKEL at his offices in Anchorage, making inquiry concerning the \$500.00 bond that had been purchased by the PFEIL-HICKEL CORPORATION from the Carpenters Union in Anchorage. She feels she is entitled to the money, even though she had learned back in 1956 when the bond came due, that it had already been paid off to Mr. HICKEL. She is aware that Governor HICKEL received her registered letter, because the return receipt was received by her but the letter of inquiry to him was never acknowledged by him or any of his associates. She stated she has not pursued the matter further.

She stated that her opinion of Mr. HICKEL has not changed since her 1957 interview, and she reiterated that in view of the above, she would not make any recommendation for Mr. HICKEL for any position of trust.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [] at Anchorage, Alaska, on
December 26, 1968:

[] Harbor House Restaurant,
538 "I" Street, advised he has known WALTER J. HICKEL ever
since HICKEL was a bartender in the "South Seas", Anchorage,
Alaska, or approximately 20 years. He does not care
for Mr. HICKEL and he regards Mr. HICKEL as a "pathological
liar." Mr. [] explained that he has been a Republican
for 36 years and, although Mr. HICKEL is a Republican, he
regards Mr. HICKEL as not a good Republican.

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He related that he has, in the past, rented a
home from Mr. HICKEL and he has done business with him. He
regards Mr. HICKEL as a "supreme egotist." He stated that
from January, 1962, through 1963, for a period of nine
months, he rented a house from Hickel Enterprises, Inc.,
at a monthly rent of \$200. Approximately three or four
months after he moved from his home, one of Mr. HICKEL's
"stooges" named [] contacted him at his place of
business and stated that he owed back rent. Mr. []
explained that he always paid his rent in cash and retained
the cash receipts. He recalls that after being contacted
by [] about every two weeks he would take down several
rental receipts indicating he had paid rent for the respective
months and [] would give him credit. A week or two
thereafter he would take several other receipts to []
indicating that he had paid rent for these respective months.
He stated he was able to find all but two rent receipts
for the nine-month period and he recalls that these two
receipts were in a shirt pocket when he sent the shirt
to the laundry and the receipts were destroyed.

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He explained this to [] however, []
instructed that he pay rent for these two months, which
he did by paying an additional \$400.

He stated he was a delegate to the 1966 Republican
State Convention and supported BRUCE KENDALL. He stated
that during the convention, he posed a question to Mr. HICKEL,

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directly, wherein he asked if Mr. HICKEL should be elected Governor of Alaska, would he serve the full term or would he use the position as a "stepping stone". He recalls that Mr. HICKEL stated he would serve a full term, however, it is evident now that Mr. HICKEL lied, inasmuch as he has been appointed as Secretary of the Interior as reported by the various news media.

Mr. [] stated that he knows of no organizations with which the appointee associates which advocate the overthrow of the Government.

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Mr. [] stated that, in view of the way he feels towards him, he cannot personally recommend Mr. HICKEL for the appointment.

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The following investigation was conducted
by SA [redacted] at Fairbanks, Alaska:

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On December 24, 1968, Mrs. [redacted]
Apartment 2-B-6, Fairview Manor, Airport Road, advised
as follows:

She has been acquainted with Governor HICKEL
since the middle 1950's, when he built the Travelers Inn
in Fairbanks. At the time she invested some money in
the construction of this Inn. Governor HICKEL paid back
her investment in a satisfactory manner. Since then she
has had only occasional social contacts with him.

In her opinion, Governor HICKEL is ruthless and
out for his own self-interests. She could not cite any
specific instances to substantiate this feeling, except
that he has had to fight for everything he has gotten and,
after coming to Alaska without any wealth, has managed to
acquire large financial holdings. She also noted that
approximately three years ago he was sued by the U. S.
Government and the State of Alaska for income taxes. She
believed these suits pertained to capital gains on which he
did not feel taxes were due. She feels Governor HICKEL
enjoys favorable associates and she knew of no reason to
question his loyalty to the U. S. Government.

She has socially met Governor HICKEL's wife,
ERMALEE, and considers her a very charming and lovely person.
She is also slightly acquainted with Governor HICKEL's
brother, whose first name she does not recall, who handles
the HICKEL financial enterprises at Anchorage, Alaska.
To the best of her knowledge, this brother's reputation
is also very good.

She assumed the purpose of the inquiry was
because Governor HICKEL has been designated as the next
Secretary of the Interior. She hesitated to recommend him

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for the position and still feels, as she did during the last interview several years ago, that he would put party loyalty ahead of the best interests of the Government. She also considers him to be an impulsive person and one who does not think too far ahead. She felt; however, that as Secretary of the Interior, HICKEL may be very good for Alaska.

She qualified herself by stating that, prior to 1952, she was a member of the Democratic Central Committee in Alaska and that, after recently leaving employment with the State of Alaska, has again resumed active participation in the Democratic Party.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
[redacted] at Fairbanks on December 24, 1968:

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Mr. [redacted], "Daily News-Miner", 200 North Cushman, Fairbanks, Alaska, advised December 24, 1968, he has known Governor WALTER J. HICKEL for approximately 15 years through business contacts and socially. He considers Governor HICKEL to be an honest, intelligent and very capable individual who is a completely dedicated public servant. He advised Governor HICKEL's character, loyalty to the U. S., associates and integrity are beyond question.

Mr. [redacted] advised several years ago he felt Governor HICKEL would have had some difficulty in dealing with people because of a lack of tact; however, he has improved considerably in this regard and this problem no longer exists.

He advised Governor HICKEL thinks very quickly, and has the capacity to recognize problems and to approach their solution in a very well organized manner.

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Mr. [redacted] advised the only fault he could find with Governor HICKEL is because of his quick mind and energetic approach, he is sometimes impatient with those who prefer to act less quickly.

Mr. [redacted] advised he believed Governor HICKEL had done an excellent job as Governor of the State of Alaska and would recommend him highly for a top level executive position with the U. S. Government.

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CREDIT AND ARREST RECORDS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT V. WALKER at Anchorage, Alaska:

On December 26, 1968, Mr. [REDACTED]
Anchorage Credit Bureau, made available the records of that
agency concerning the following:

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WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL, 1905 Loussac Drive,
Anchorage, has a record dating back to 1950. His occupation
is listed as: Owner, Walter J. Hickel Construction Company,
1946 to present; President, International Helicopters, 1961;
Owner, Hickel Investments, May, 1963; and he has an interest
in numerous other businesses, including the Travelers Inn,
and the Alaska Plumbing and Heating Company. His payment
record is good and there is no derogatory information in
file.

[REDACTED] Anchorage,
has a record dating back to 1950. He has been associated with
Hickel Investments since that time and is listed as President
of that firm as of September, 1968. His payment record is
rated good and there is no derogatory information in the
file.

Hickel Investment Company, 621 E. 5th Avenue, has
a record dating back to December, 1959. The payment record
for this firm has been satisfactory and there is no derogatory
information in the file.

The following individuals have initiated law
suits against the Hickel Investment Company:

T. H. WESSELS, JR., initiated a suit
for personal injury February 21, 1961,
and there is no disposition of this
suit contained in the file;

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GLENN and JUDITH PRATT filed a money judgement against the company on May 7, 1964. No final disposition of this suit is contained in the file;

York Steel Company filed a lien against the company on March 10, 1965, in the amount of \$46,997.51. The company was released from this lien on June 16, 1965;

A personal injury suit was filed in May, 1968, by EMOGENE ERSKINE. No disposition is recorded concerning this suit, but the case has Court Docket Number 68-1353B.

Lieutenant [REDACTED] Records Bureau, Anchorage Police Department, advised that a review of his files failed to disclose any arrest for WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL, SR., Mrs. ERMALEE HICKEL, [REDACTED]

The Anchorage Police Department files contain the following references concerning the individuals mentioned above and [REDACTED]

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Re: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL, SR.: FBI Number 379 4485. There are eight references dating back to December 8, 1953, for infractions involving traffic violations and vehicle accidents. On March 27, 1962, HICKEL forfeited \$8.00 bond when he failed to appear on a minor traffic violation;

Re: Mrs. WALTER J. HICKEL (ERMALEE): There are four references in the file dating back to May, 1951, involving traffic violations, vehicle accidents, and as a complainant. On July 13, 1952, Mrs. HICKEL forfeited \$20 bond for failure to appear in court;

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The following investigation was conducted
by SA [redacted] at Anchorage, Alaska:

On December 24, 1968, Mrs. [redacted]
Headquarters, Southcentral Region, Alaska State Troopers,
advised that she could not locate any arrest record for
Governor WALTER J. HICKEL, his wife ERMALEE, or their
children. Mrs. [redacted] also stated that she could not
locate any arrest record for [redacted] or his
wife, [redacted]

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The following advised SA [redacted] on December 24, 1968, the files of their respective agencies contain no information identifiable with WALTER J. HICKEL or [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] Interior Credit Bureau,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

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Mrs. [redacted] Records Clerk, Fairbanks
Police Department, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Mrs. [redacted] Alaska State Troopers,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

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The following investigation was conducted at Juneau, Alaska, on December 24, 1968, by SA [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED] Records and Identification and Division of Drivers Licenses, Alaska State Troopers, Juneau, Alaska, advised that she can locate no arrest record for WALTER J. or ERMALEE HICKEL or their sons [REDACTED]. She stated that WALTER J. HICKEL has been issued Alaska Drivers License Number 1 and the following citations are located in this file:

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June 3, 1957	Red light	No disposition
March 25, 1958	Warning, Washington State Patrol, Woodland, Washington	
December 17, 1958	No license plate	No disposition
March 4, 1962	Stop sign	\$8 fine
July 4, 1963	Speeding	\$40 fine
March 26, 1965	Expired permit	\$20 fine

All violations occurred Anchorage, Alaska, with the exception of violation of March 25, 1958.

ERMALEE HICKEL has Alaska Drivers License Number 68552 and she was issued a warning citation for speeding on March 21, 1966.

Captain [REDACTED] Juneau, Alaska, Police Department, advised that his files fail to indicate any arrest record for WALTER J. or ERMALEE HICKEL or any of their children.

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He stated that although he is not closely associated with Governor HICKEL, he does know his [REDACTED] who is an acquaintance of his [REDACTED]. He stated that

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[] seems to be a reliable individual although not particularly a good student but that he knows no derogatory information whatsoever regarding [] or any other member of the HICKEL family.

Mrs. [] Juneau Credit Association, advised that her files indicate a WALTER J. HICKEL, date of birth August 19, 1919, and ERMALEE HICKEL nee STRUTZ, date of birth September 11, 1925. HICKEL's employment is indicated as Governor, State of Alaska, and his Juneau residence as the Governor's Mansion, Juneau, Alaska, with an Anchorage residence of 1905 Loussac Drive. His credit rating is good and there have been no collections against his account.

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Mr. [] of Public Safety, advised that he has been acquainted with Governor WALTER J. HICKEL for approximately 2½ years, having first met him approximately six months prior to his inauguration as Governor.

He said that Governor HICKEL is an outstanding person of excellent character and reputation and that his honesty and integrity are above reproach. He is a completely trustworthy individual, energetic and an excellent family man. He said that he has been socially acquainted with the Governor in addition to his business association and that he knows of no derogatory information whatsoever regarding the Governor or any member of his family.

Mr. [] advised that he has been acquainted with Governor WALTER J. HICKEL since 1944 having met him in Anchorage, Alaska, just following the death of Governor HICKEL's first wife in 1943. He said that at that time HICKEL was a maintenance inspector for the Army at Ft. Richardson, Alaska, and that he maintained his close relationship with HICKEL during this entire period of time.

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Mr. [] stated that HICKEL is an extraordinary man being extremely loyal, sincere and that his morality is above reproach. He said that it is his personal opinion that HICKEL is one of a million and that he knows of no other individual with the high personal character and understanding of people as Governor HICKEL.

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He said that he has also been associated with and is acquainted with the Governor's wife, ERMALEE and that his [REDACTED]

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Continuing, Mr. [REDACTED] stated HICKEL's son [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chief of Police J. P. WELLINGTON (NA), Juneau, Alaska, Police Department, advised that he has been personally acquainted with Governor WALTER J. HICKEL for approximately two years and although a member of an opposing political party, has always felt that HICKEL has dealt fairly and honestly with each person with whom he comes in contact. He said that he is not acquainted with the Governor's family, that he knows of absolutely no derogatory information whatsoever regarding the Governor or any member of his family. He said that the character and reputation of the entire family are above reproach and that the Governor has always conducted himself in a gentlemanly manner.

Mr. KEITH MILLER, Secretary of State, State of Alaska, who will accede to the Governor's position upon confirmation of the U. S. Legislature of Governor WALTER J. HICKEL as Secretary of the Interior, stated that he first met WALTER J. HICKEL as a casual acquaintance in approximately 1961 at which time HICKEL was a customer of the Fuller Paint and Glass Company in Anchorage, Alaska, where MILLER was employed.

He said that since HICKEL became Governor of the State and he Secretary of State, they have developed a close

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personal acquaintanceship and that he has found HICKEL to be extremely honest and an outstanding business and political figure and that the character and reputation of both HICKEL and all members of his family are above reproach.

MILLER stated that prior to becoming Governor of the State of Alaska, HICKEL became, through hard work, an extremely successful businessman and that he carried his outstanding qualifications into the Governor's position.

MILLER stated that on a social level, both HICKEL, his wife and children have conducted themselves as gentlemen and ladies and that he knows of absolutely no derogatory information regarding any member of the family.

In conclusion Mr. MILLER suggested contact with [redacted] an Anchorage businessman, and Mr. [redacted] who operates the Anchorage Cold Storage Company, and who have been friends and close associates of HICKEL's for many years.

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Mr. BILL RAY, State House of Representatives, Juneau, Alaska, advised that he has been acquainted with the Governor for approximately two years and although of an opposing political faction has found Governor HICKEL to be fair minded although sometimes outspoken but that their personal relationships have been excellent. Mr. RAY stated that on numerous occasions they have differed politically, have sat down and talked the matters over and have come to satisfactory conclusions on a gentlemanly basis.

He continued that there is no question whatsoever regarding HICKEL's loyalty to the U. S. Government and that his character and reputation as well as that of his wife and family are above reproach. Mr. RAY stated that he has no personal knowledge of Governor HICKEL's personal business affairs and that he knows of no persons currently residing in the Juneau area who have been acquainted with Governor HICKEL for any extended period of time.

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Mr. [] Executive Director of the Governor's Council on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, advised that he has been acquainted with Governor HICKEL for approximately 2½ years and although of an opposing political party has been promoted from Head of Corrections for the Youth and Adult Authority, State of Alaska, to Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Health and Welfare and to his current position.

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Mr. [] stated that the character and reputation of HICKEL and every member of his family are outstanding, that he is an extremely patriotic individual and that during his many personal contacts with the Governor has always felt that he is extremely fair minded, that he is not prejudiced or arbitrary in any manner although he will fight for what he believes is right and is best for the State of Alaska.

He continued that he is the most honest person with whom he has ever associated, that he will not tolerate any "hanky panky" on the part of any employee, that he is an excellent businessman who has carried his outstanding qualifications into his political life.

Mr. [] stated that his personal contacts with the Governor have consisted mainly of matters of parole and executive clemency and in these matters the Governor also exhibited a fair minded attitude. He said that he is a hard working individual who is available at any time of the day or night for an emergency problem and will sit down and discuss them on a gentlemanly basis.

Mr. WILLIAM GERMAINE, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Labor, State of Alaska, advised that the Commissioner, Mr. THOMAS MOORE, is currently on vacation and not available for interview. He said that both he and Mr. MOORE are of different political parties than Governor WALTER J. HICKEL, whom he has associated with since approximately June of 1967, both socially and through their mutual business problems. He stated that the character and reputation of the Governor and all members of his family are excellent, that HICKEL is a good family man who does not let party influence in anyway influence his personal appointments.

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He stated that in spite of their difference of political views in some instances he has the highest personal regard for HICKEL both as a businessman and Governor of the State of Alaska, and that he has never in any manner asserted any political influence in the Department of Labor.

Mr. GERMAINE continued that on numerous occasions they have discussed mutual problems in a gentlemanly manner and have come to decisions acceptable to both parties.

Mr. G. KENT EDWARDS, Attorney General, State of Alaska, advised that he has been acquainted casually with Governor WALTER J. HICKEL since the summer of 1966 at which time HICKEL was running in the primary elections for Governor of the State of Alaska. Mr. EDWARDS stated that although he is of the same political party as the Governor, he was supporting the Governor's opponent, however, this has in no way affected his relationship with HICKEL.

Since becoming Attorney General in August of 1967, he stated that he has worked closely with the Governor on State Government problems and that he has the highest respect for the Governor's honesty and integrity. He stated that HICKEL has never permitted any personal friendships to interfere with the decisions which he feels best for the people and the State of Alaska. He has always been a gentleman in every way, that his wife is sincere, polite and friendly with all groups and classes of individuals. He said that he has and continues to admire and respect HICKEL both as a businessman and as Governor of the State of Alaska and that his character and reputation and that of his wife and family are above reproach.

Mr. EDWARDS stated that there has been no derogatory information whatsoever regarding any member of the HICKEL family come to his attention or through his office.

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Captain [] Southeast District Commander, Alaska State Troopers, advised that he has been acquainted with Governor WALTER J. HICKEL since February of 1967 at which time

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he was the Governor's Security Aide traveling with him during his business trips and acting as Protocol Officer.

Captain BURTON stated that he is also acquainted with the Governor's wife, ERMALEE, and his children and that the character and reputation and loyalty of the entire family is above reproach. He stated also that he spent an enjoyable week with the Governor and his parents at Claflin, Kansas, some time ago and observed a happy home life both on the part of the Governor and other members of the family. Captain BURTON said that he knows of absolutely no derogatory information regarding the Governor or any member of his family and that their morals are above reproach. He stated that the Governor is a member of the following social groups:

The Harbor Club, Seattle, Washington

The Washington Athletic Club, Seattle, Washington

The Arctic Club, Seattle, Washington

The Capital Hill Club, Washington, D. C.

The Petroleum Club, Anchorage, Alaska

The Navy League of the United States

The Elks, Anchorage, Alaska

The Town and Country Club, Seattle, Washington

The Knights of Columbus

The Rotary Club

The "Southeast Alaska Empire"; a daily newspaper published in Juneau, maintains a newspaper morgue by date only and is not indexed by individual or substantive material.

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Title: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee's

[redacted] set out. No arrest records and satisfactory credit for HICKEL family in Great Bend and Claflin, Kansas. Current residences verified.

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DETAILS:

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] at Wichita, Kansas, on December 24,
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CREDIT AND ARREST

Miss [redacted] Wichita Credit Bureau, advised her
records reflect Mr. [redacted]
[redacted] have been
known to their file since June 1948, and the file was last
cleared January 1968. [redacted]
and his present occupation is listed as Crown Chinchilla, Salina,
Kansas, [redacted]

On May 18, 1959, [redacted]

[redacted]

The record for [redacted] of
appointee) [redacted]

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The credit bureau records reflect all trade since
1960 satisfactory and nothing of a derogatory nature was
noted except the bankruptcy.

Miss [redacted] advised her files pertaining to Mr.
and Mrs. [redacted] have dated from
September 1942. Mrs. [redacted] was employed in the

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Miss [] advised []
[] has been known to the Wichita Credit Bureau since March 1959 and was last cleared April 1966. The file indicates Miss []'s credit record is entirely satisfactory, with all accounts listed as Paid as Agreed. Nothing of a derogatory nature is noted.

Miss [] Records Section, Wichita, Kansas Police Department, advised she could locate nothing in her files identifiable with [] or [] other than a report on August 26, 1949, that she was assaulted by [] and September 4, 1949, when she reported her peace was disturbed by [] and June 4, 1950, when she signed a complaint against [] for Assault, Beat and Wound.

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The file reflects []

[] has the following arrests:

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The above arrests were all under the name of []

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Miss [REDACTED] advised she could locate no record
of arrests for [REDACTED]
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Mrs. [REDACTED] Sedgwick County
Sheriff's Office, advised her records reflect [REDACTED]

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised she could locate nothing in
her files regarding [REDACTED]
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RESIDENCE

On December 26, 1968, Mrs. [redacted] advised she has resided [redacted] for approximately five or six years. Mrs. [redacted] said Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] continue to reside at 812 North Terrace and she has found them to be good neighbors. Mrs. [redacted] said while she is not a close personal friend of the [redacted] they are, to her knowledge, people of good character, reputation, and associates, and she knows of nothing derogatory regarding either.

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On December 26, 1968, Mrs. [redacted] advised Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] continue to reside at 1139 Fabrique and are people of excellent character and reputation.

On December 26, 1968, Mrs. [redacted] advised Miss [redacted] resides in [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] stated she has known Miss [redacted] for many years and has found her to be a person of excellent character, reputation, and associates.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [] on December 24, 1968:

At Great Bend, Kansas

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CREDIT

[] Credit Bureau of Great Bend, Inc., 1123 Washington Street, furnished the following information from the records of that office, which also covers Claflin, Kansas:

She advised there is no record for [] Claflin, Kansas; however, she is well acquainted with [] and has known her for many years. Miss [] is an invalid confined to a wheelchair as a result of an automobile accident many years ago. She is single and lives in the home of her parents, both of whom are deceased. Her mother, EMMA, died in approximately 1962, and her father, ROBERT A. HICKEL, died in approximately 1966. [] is a person of excellent character and reputation, is unemployed, and her primary vocation is church work. She stated to the best of her knowledge [] has an income left by her parents, who were substantial farmers in the Claflin area and also held oil interests in the area. She stated all of the members of the HICKEL family, to her recollection, were active members of the church in Claflin.

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Her records show [] Claflin, Kansas, where he has been a [] since 1952. They had seven children as of 1963 and the records of the credit bureau were last cleared in 1963. He is a person of excellent character and reputation with a fine credit rating and has always been recommended by banks in the area. [] stated she is personally acquainted with [] and the members of his family and knows they are currently residing on the farm and are persons of excellent character.

Records also show Dr. [] and wife, [] moved to Great Bend, Kansas, in 1967 from Wichita, Kansas. Dr. [] in the Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend, and he has a satisfactory credit rating. She stated there was nothing of a derogatory nature in this record and his address as of November 1968 was

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3801 19th Street, Great Bend, Kansas. He and his wife have four children, all residing at the home address. She advised she recalls [redacted] as a young girl in Claflin, Kansas; however, she has not been personally acquainted with her since she moved to Great Bend, Kansas.

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[redacted] Great Bend, Kansas, Police Department, advised the records of that office do not contain any information identifiable with [redacted] or [redacted]

Sheriff MARION WEESE, Barton County, advised that his office also covers Claflin, Kansas. He stated the records of his office do not contain any information identifiable with the above individuals.

ACQUAINTANCES

[redacted] Petroleum Club, Inc. 1318 Kansas Avenue, advised he is acquainted with Dr. [redacted] as residents of Great Bend, Kansas, for approximately the last year and a half. He stated he attends the same church and to his knowledge they are persons of excellent character and reputation. He stated Dr. [redacted] is employed at the Central Kansas Medical Center as a radiologist and recently completed building a new home in the 3800 block of 19th Street, Great Bend, Kansas.

LAVERNE TOWNSEND, chief of police, Great Bend, advised he is slightly acquainted with some of the members of the [redacted] family from the Claflin, Kansas, area; however, he stated he does not know any of them well enough to make any comment. To his knowledge all are highly respectable people of good character and reputation.

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At Claflin, Kansas

ARREST

HARLAN BEELER, chief of police, Claflin Police Department, advised he is well acquainted with [redacted] and knows that they are presently [redacted]

residing at Rural Route 2, Claflin. He stated the Police Department does not have a record for either of these persons or any member of their family. He stated they have either seven or eight children, the oldest of which is a high school student.

Chief BEELER stated he was acquainted with [redacted] and knows she is an invalid confined to a wheelchair and resides in Claflin. He stated she does not have a record at the Claflin Police Department.

He advised he recalls [redacted] during the period she was growing up in the Claflin area and knows she is presently married to a doctor in Great Bend, Kansas, whose last name is [redacted]. He does not have a record for [redacted] nor is there a record for any member of the [redacted] family in Claflin.

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ACQUAINTANCE

[redacted] U. S. Post Office, advised she is personally acquainted with [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] and knows they are residing at [redacted] Claflin. He is [redacted] and during the years she has been acquainted with him she is certain he is a person of excellent character and reputation, as are all members of his family.

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She further advised [redacted] Claflin, is single and unemployed and is an invalid confined to a wheelchair. She stated the address of [redacted] is the family home and that [redacted] parents are both deceased.

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[redacted] stated she was well acquainted with [redacted] during the time she resided in Claflin, Kansas, and knows she is a person of excellent character and reputation. She commented all members of the [redacted] family are high-type persons of excellent character and reputation.

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TITLE OF CASE WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY mls
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REFERENCE: Bureau teletype to Seattle, 12/23/68;
Anchorage teletype to Bureau and Seattle, 12/24/68.

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Seattle, Washington
Date: December 26, 1968
Field Office File #: 161-384 Bureau File #: [redacted]
Title: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee's [redacted] at The Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington, currently resides Federal Way, Washington. Credit satisfactory. Arrest negative. [redacted] Edmonds, Washington, former United States Marshal, Fairbanks, Alaska, who has known appointee, WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL, casually through Republican circles, advises he did not see "eye to eye" with HICKEL on appointments but does not doubt his integrity, thinks HICKEL has done more than any Governor for Alaska and considers the HICKEL appointment excellent.

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DETAILS:

Investigation at Federal Way, Washington, was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at Spokane, Washington, by SA [redacted] and credit and arrest records were checked by Special Employee [redacted]

RELATIVE

On December 24, 1968, Mrs. [redacted] Federal Way, Washington, advised that Mr. [redacted] currently resides at [redacted] Federal Way. She volunteered the information that Mr. [redacted] was of good character and a good neighbor.

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On December 24, 1968, records of the Seattle Credit Bureau, Seattle, Washington, disclosed that the credit of appointee's brother, [REDACTED] was too new to rate in Seattle, but records received from Wichita, Kansas, revealed a satisfactory credit rating. His credit was last checked July, 1968, at which time Mr. [REDACTED] resided at [REDACTED] Wichita, Kansas. The file further shows Mr. [REDACTED] to be since July, 1968, a Supervisor for The Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington, and to reside at 2637 Southwest 320th Place, Federal Way, Washington.

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On December 24, 1968, the files of the Seattle Police Department contained no record of appointee's brother or his wife.

On December 24, 1968, the files of the King County Sheriff's Office, Seattle, Washington, which covers Federal Way, Washington, contained no record of appointee's brother or his wife.

MISCELLANEOUS

[REDACTED], retired, 230 - 4th North, Edmonds, Washington, interviewed at North 620 Raymond, Spokane, Washington, on December 26, 1968, advised that he has known WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL since 1954, [REDACTED] having been appointed United States Marshal in Fairbanks, Alaska, in November, 1953, and having thereafter known HICKEL casually through Republican circles and civic affairs. He said additionally that his, [REDACTED]'s, wife in 1954 became a member of the territorial Republican Central Committee for the 4th District (Fairbanks). He said that in 1956 HICKEL became Republican National Committee-man for Alaska and that he, [REDACTED] and his wife had had a luncheon discussion with HICKEL concerning Republican appointments and that although he did not recall his specific remarks made in 1957 to FBI agents concerning these appointments, he will stand by any statements FBI files show he made. Upon being advised he had said that HICKEL made a remark that the Administration demanded "Christlike men", but that such men could not be found and that he was going to get popular men and "ram them down the Administration's throat", [REDACTED] said that it was unfortunate he had used such wording. He said he did not see eye to eye with HICKEL on appointments but it was unfortunate if the wrong inference may have been taken from his remarks. He said he did not intend to imply anything unfavorable or uncomplimentary even though they did not agree on the personalities mentioned for appointments and he never

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questioned the integrity of HICKEL or persons he favored for appointment. He noted that at that time HICKEL had not been elected as yet to any public office and he felt that although he had little association with HICKEL since then that HICKEL had since made a lot.

[] said further that it is his current evaluation that HICKEL has done more for Alaska than any other Governor and that his appointment is "one of the best things for Alaska". He said he further would evaluate HICKEL as a man of good moral character and reputation and associates, a loyal American, and a man of honesty and trust. He advised that he considered it an excellent appointment and he knew of no derogatory information concerning HICKEL.

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CURRENT NAME OF APPOINTEE'S [REDACTED] IS MRS.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOTH RESIDE AT SIX SIX SEVEN TWO
SOUTH GREENWOOD ST., LITTLETON, COLO.

WFO CONDUCT AGENCY CHECKS.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5231)

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:
DECEMBER TWENTY-SEVEN NEXT, WITHOUT FAIL,

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE LAST, NO
COPY SAN JUAN.

NIXON ADMINISTRATION REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF
HICKEL WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO POSITION OF SECRETARY OF
THE INTERIOR TO THE PRESIDENT-ELECT. HICKEL BORN AUGUST
EIGHTEENTH, NINETEEN^{NINETEEN}, AT CLAFLIN, KANSAS, AND HAS BEEN
GOVERNOR OF ALASKA SINCE SIXTY-SIX.

HICKEL LISTED AS REFERENCE, US REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD W.
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US SENATOR ERNEST GRUENING, ALASKA, PRESENTLY IN VIRGIN ISLANDS, CAN BE REACHED THROUGH GOVERNOR PAIEWONSKY, GOVERNORS MANSION, CHARLOTTE AMALIE, VIRGIN ISLANDS.

ANCHORAGE AND SAN JUAN INTERVIEW POLLOCK AND GRUENING AND SUTEL RESULTS TO BUREAU IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

BUREAU ADVISED.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SEATTLE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 12/27/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/27/68
TITLE OF CASE WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY mls
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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

REFERENCE: Bureau teletype to Seattle, 12/23/68;
Anchorage teletypes to Bureau and Seattle,
12/24/68 and 12/27/68;
Seattle report of SA [REDACTED] 12/26/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

[REDACTED] Mortgage Loan Department,
New York Life Insurance Company, Seattle, Washington, mentioned
in Anchorage teletype 12/27/68, was determined to be on
vacation until January 2, 1969, and to be currently skiing

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for the weekend at an unknown location. Inasmuch as [redacted]
[redacted] who actually appraised the properties
mentioned, is perhaps more knowledgeable concerning the details
than Mr. [redacted] will not be contacted upon his
return, UACB.

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SE T-1 is Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]

who requested that his name not be divulged in this matter.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Seattle, Washington
Date: December 27, 1968
Field Office File #: 161-384 Bureau File #: b6
Title: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL b7C

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Synopsis:

Source advised mortgage loans to Hickel Investment Company made in June, 1966 (revised November, 1966) and November, 1968, at "going" interest rates. New York Life Insurance Company group policy on Alaska State employees written July, 1960, and expired August, 1968. This policy has not been rewritten and although a number of amendments were made, none were made at the time mortgage loans were made to Hickel Investment Company and only one amendment, July 1, 1967, made while HICKEL was Governor of Alaska and such amendment made in accordance with actuarial calculations determined by New York Headquarters of the company.

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DETAILS:MISCELLANEOUSAT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

SE T-1 advised on December 27, 1968, that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] New York Life Insurance Company (NYL), Securities Building, 1904 - 3rd Avenue, Seattle, Washington, is a personal friend of Alaska Governor WALTER J. HICKEL which probably accounts for the NYL's having the mortgage loan business with the Hickel Investment Company, Anchorage, Alaska. He said, however, that has no bearing on the interest rates on these loans and, in fact, such is determined to a degree by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who makes the property appraisals and capitalization determinations, etc., which are thereafter

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reviewed and approved by the company's New York Headquarters which Headquarters approves all commercial loans.

SE T-1 said that as early as 1963, NYL has had mortgage loans with the Hickel Investment Company; however, only two such loans were negotiated during or about the time of HICKEL's term as Governor of Alaska, these being the Northern Lights Shopping Center (NLSC) and the Mountain View Shopping Center in Anchorage.

SE T-1 said that prior to the commitment concerning these loans, Mr. [] above, appraised the centers and determined the "going" rate of interest in Alaska. He said that the NLSC commitment was in June, 1966, at 6½%, the competitive rate in Anchorage at the time, which was not below the prime rate for commercial loans. He said that the NYL had not previously made a commitment concerning the NLSC because they did not feel that the tenants were "strong" enough for NYL to take the loan. However, in the above month when Montgomery Ward bought out the Caribou Department Store at the NLSC and it became the Caribou-Ward, NYL felt that with this additional "strong" tenant (annual rental \$180,000), this would be an excellent risk at 6½% inasmuch as Caribou-Ward together with the Safeway Stores (annual rental \$100,000) made up the tenants of the major space at NLSC.

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He said it was this strengthening of the risk by Montgomery Ward buying Caribou which was the major factor in NYL to take the loan and not any friendship on the part of HICKEL and [] i.e. NYL would not have taken the loan before this regardless of that friendship. He said that in November, 1966, the NLSC decided to add additional rental space to the center, which was still being built, and a re-appraisal had to be made inasmuch as interest rates were climbing at the time. He said that Pay 'N Save, the renter of the additional space, was also a very "strong" company; nevertheless, NYL decided to raise the interest rate an extra one-eighth percentage to 6 5/8%, an excellent deal from the NYL point of view inasmuch as the extra one-eighth percentage applied not only to \$205,000 relating to the Pay 'N Save, but to the entire amount of \$2,500,000, relating to the entire center.

He said that although 6 5/8% may seem to be a low rate, it is not. He pointed out that when individuals mention that commercial loans might have been "going" at 8% or some other figure in Anchorage, such loans are not the long term

"big credits" as those at NLSC, but are in fact so-called short term "interim loans" which did command about 8%. He said that in this circumstance, 6 5/8% was an excellent interest rate for NYL.

He pointed out that by comparison, his company had at about the same time (December, 1965), assumed a greater risk, the Fountain Apartments on 7th Avenue in Anchorage, which is now valued to close to a million dollars, at 6 1/2%. He said that the apartment was enlarged in March, 1966, and the rate was continued at 6 1/2% and that it was again enlarged in August, 1967, from about \$900,000 to \$960,000 at which time the rate was increased to 6 5/8%. He pointed out that since these rates are comparable and because the apartment house is a lot more risky, more than the shopping center, NYL therefore had an excellent loan rate at NLSC which would negate the thought that the Hickel Investment Company was getting a more favorable rate - the opposite is true.

He said that with relation to the Mountain View Shopping Center, Anchorage, which was committed November 28, 1968, and which Mr. [] appraised in October, 1968, at which time he also determined the current interest rate in Anchorage, this, too, is an excellent loan rate from the point of view of NYL, that rate being 8%, the State of Alaska usury rate of 8% notwithstanding and having no bearing in the matter. He said this center has two exceptionally "strong" tenants, the A. S. Beck Shoe Store and the Pay 'N Save Stores, which together rent 81% of the space. He pointed out that this is a higher rate than the previous NLSC rate but that it is the "going" rate in Anchorage because interest rates had in the interim risen spectacularly due to tight credit and that at 8%, again for a long term "big credit" as opposed to an "interim loan" represented to NYL an excellent deal and the Hickel Investment Company could not be construed as having received a loan at less than the prime rate. He said this rate, as in the previous loan, is not governed by the Mortgage Loan Department of NYL at Seattle, Washington, but by the New York Headquarters of the company which Headquarters will turn down any loan that is not advantageous to that company.

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He said the Mortgage Loan Department of NYL at Seattle, Washington, has no records, is not knowledgeable of, and does not have any interest in any life insurance concerning the State of Alaska employees and that such life insurance matters would have no bearing upon the mortgage loan interest rates.

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Mr. [redacted] Group Sales, New York Life Insurance Company, IBM Building, Seattle, Washington, advised on December 27, 1968, that his records show a group insurance policy was written for the State of Alaska employees on July 1, 1960, that this policy was never rewritten, that a number of amendments of rates and benefits were made to it, but that only one such amendment, July 1, 1967, was made during the time that Governor WALTER J. HICKEL was in office. He said such amendments have no relationship or bearing on mortgage loans and in fact are initiated by continuing actuarial calculations and cost determinations by the New York Headquarters of the New York Life Insurance Company. He said that in the case of the last amendment which was the result of increasing costs, the New York Life Insurance Company had to either increase the rates or lessen the benefits and the company chose to keep the same rate and to decrease the benefits. Mr. [redacted] mentioned that this insurance policy is no longer in effect as it expired on August 1, 1968.

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INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATES THE COLUMN OF DREW PEARSON,
"THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND," IS SYNDICATED IN THE "ANCHORAGE
ALASKA, 'NEWS.'" AN ARTICLE APPEARING ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER
TWENTYSEVEN, INSTANT, INDICATES ALLEGATION BY PEARSON OF
HICKEL'S "SHOCKING BEHAVIOR" CONCERNING CONTRACT BETWEEN
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TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE LAST.

ANCHORAGE REPORT REFLECTING INVESTIGATION OF HICKEL
SUBMITTED AIR MAIL. SPECIAL DELIVERY DECEMBER TWENTYS^{IX} LAST
AND SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY THE BUREAU DECEMBER TWENTYSEVEN,
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TO DIRECTOR, SEATTLE AND HONOLULU
HONOLULU VIA WASHINGTON
FROM ANCHORAGE

WALTER J. HICKEL, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED DECEMBER TWENTY-
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REBUTEL DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE LAST ADVISING THE NIXON
ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF HICKEL
WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF THE
INTERIOR TO THE PRESIDENT-ELECT. HICKEL WAS BORN AUGUST EIGHTEEN,
NINETEEN NINETEEN, AT CLAFLIN, KANSAS, AND IS MARRIED TO
ERMALEE STRUTZ. HE ORGANIZED HICKEL INVESTMENT COMPANY WHICH
IS PRESENTLY UNDER TRUSTEESHIP, AND OPERATED BY HIS [REDACTED],

[REDACTED]
AND AN ANCHORAGE ATTORNEY WHO IS TRUSTEE OF GOVERNOR HICKEL'S
INTEREST.

[REDACTED] PROMINENT ANCHORAGE BUSINESSMAN
WHO IS [REDACTED] OF J. B. GOTTSTEIN COMPANY,
ANCHORAGE, AND A SUPPORTER OF SENATE-ELECT ~~MIKE GAVRIL~~ STATE
OF ALASKA, ADVISED THAT HIS NAME WAS NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN ANY
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[REDACTED] SAID HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR HICKEL FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN YEARS AS A FELLOW BUSINESSMAN, MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND AS GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; AND THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE GOVERNOR'S WIFE SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. [REDACTED] SAID HE WOULD NOT COMMENT CONCERNING GOVERNOR HICKEL EXCEPT TO SUGGEST THAT A BUSINESS TRANSACTION INVOLVING HICKEL INVESTMENT COMPANY AND THE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED.

[REDACTED] ALLEGED HE HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT DURING THE PERIOD HICKEL HAS BEEN GOVERNOR OF ALASKA CERTAIN PROPERTIES OF THE HICKEL INVESTMENT COMPANY WERE REFINANCED WITH NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AT AN INTEREST RATE BELOW THE PRIME RATE AND ADDED THAT NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY ALSO INSURES STATE OF ALASKA EMPLOYEES. HE FURTHER ALLEGED THAT THIS TRANSACTION TOOK PLACE AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE POLICY OF THE ALASKA STATE EMPLOYEES WAS REWRITTEN.

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GOTTSTEIN DECLINED TO FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS ALLEGATION AND WOULD NOT STATE HOW HE OBTAINED THE ABOVE ALLEGED INFORMATION.

[REDACTED] FURTHER STATED HE RECEIVED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT GOVERNOR HICKEL HAS PURCHASED PROPERTY AND HAS INDICATED A HIGHWAY SOUTH OF ANCHORAGE WILL BE REDESIGNED AND REROUTED TO PASS THIS PROPERTY AND THEREBY INCREASE ITS VALUE. [REDACTED] STATED HE HAD OBTAINED THIS INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED] WHO IS [REDACTED] OF ALASKA CLEANERS, ANCHORAGE. [REDACTED] ADMITTED AFTER FURTHER QUESTIONING THAT [REDACTED] WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AT THE TIME THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE.

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ON DECEMBER TWENTYSIX INSTANT [REDACTED] ALASKA CLEANERS, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] IS VACATIONING IN HONOLULU AND IS STAYING AT THE WAIKIKI ROYAL, WAIKIKI BEACH, HONOLULU, AND WILL BE OUT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR THREE WEEKS.
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ON DECEMBER TWENTYSIX INSTANT, [REDACTED] SUPRA, ADVISED THAT SINCE HICKEL HAS BEEN GOVERNOR OF ALASKA, HE CAN RECALL ONLY TWO BUSINESS DEALINGS BY HICKEL INVESTMENT COMPANY WITH NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. ONE TRANSACTION DEALT WITH ^{HE} ~~THE~~ REFINANCING OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS SHOPPING CENTER, ANCHORAGE, AND THAT THIS TRANSACTION FOR A ^{WAS} ~~LOAN~~ FINALIZED, AS BEST HE CAN RECALL, SHORTLY AFTER HICKEL ENTERED OFFICE AS GOVERNOR OF ALASKA. HE SAID THE INTEREST RATE ON THIS LOAN WAS SIX AND SEVEN-EIGHTHS PERCENT WHICH WAS THE MARKET RATE AT THAT TIME. [REDACTED] SAID THE ONLY OTHER TRANSACTION IS A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH MOUNTAIN VIEW SHOPPING CENTER, ANCHORAGE, WITH THE DATE OF COMMITMENT BEING NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, AND THE RATE OF INTEREST BEING EIGHT PERCENT PER ANNUM WHICH IS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT ALLOWED UNDER ALASKA LAW. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THESE TRANSACTION AND ALL TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN HICKEL INVESTMENT COMPANY AND NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY CAN BE VERIFIED THROUGH MELVIN M. [REDACTED], THE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY MORTGAGE REPRESENTATIVE, WHOSE OFFICE IS LOCATED IN THE SECURITIES BUILDING, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT IF [REDACTED] REQUIRED AUTHORITY TO RELEASE INFORMATION, HE COULD CALL [REDACTED] AND THIS AUTHORITY WOULD BE GRANTED.

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SEATTLE IMMEDIATELY CONTACT [REDACTED] CONCERNING HICKEL INVESTMENT COMPANY BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WITH NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON DETERMINING IF ANY PROPERTIES ON HICKEL INVESTMENT COMPANY WERE FINANCED OR REFINANCED BELOW THE PRIME INTEREST RATE DURING PERIOD OF HICKEL'S POSITION AS GOVERNOR OF ALASKA. ALSO DETERMINE IF NEW YORK LIFE HANDLES INSURANCE FOR ALASKA STATE EMPLOYEES AND IF ANY TRANSACTION INVOLVING HICKEL INVESTMENT COMPANY TOOK PLACE DURING THE PERIOD THAT A POLICY WITH ALASKA STATE EMPLOYEES WAS REWRITTEN. INSURE THAT SOURCE OF ALLEGATION IS NOT DISCLOSED.

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HONOLULU WILL IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW [REDACTED] CONCERNING STATEMENT HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE MADE AND DURING INTERVIEW INSURE THAT SOURCE OF INFORMATION IS NOT MADE KNOWN.

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FOR INFORMATION BUREAU, REFERENCE [REDACTED] IS PRESENTLY AT FRENCHMEN'S COVE, PORT ANTONIO, JAMAICA, OR AT HALF MOON HOTEL, MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA, AND WILL NOT RETURN TO ANCHORAGE UNTIL JANUARY FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTYNINE.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ANCHORAGE PLAINTEXT
ANCHORAGE VIA WASHINGTON PLAINTEXT
FROM HONOLULU

WALTER J. HICKEL. SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE ANCHORAGE TELETYPE DATED INSTANT DATE.

[REDACTED] IS NOT REGISTERED ^DBEAT WAIKIKI ROYAL
HOTEL OR ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL IN WAIKIKI BEACH AREA IN
HONOLULU, HAWAII. EIGHT OTHER PROMINENT HOTELS CONTACTED WITH
NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ANCHORAGE RECONTACT [REDACTED] ALASKA
CLEANERS FOR MORE SPECIFIC ADDRESS. CONTACT RESIDENCE
OF [REDACTED] FOR LOCATION IN HONOLULU.
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TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)
FROM SAN JUAN (161-135) (RUC) 2P

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED DECEMBER TWENTY-
SEVEN INSTANT WITHOUT FAIL

ON THIS DATE, ERNEST GRUENING, U.S. SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF
ALASKA, ON VACATION AT SION FARM, ST. CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS, WAS
INTERVIEWED BY SA ROBERT L. MOORE AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION:

HE IS NOT A PERSONAL FRIEND OF GOVERNOR WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL,
BUT HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH HIM SINCE SHORTLY AFTER GOVERNOR
HICKEL'S ARRIVAL IN ALASKA OVER TWENTY YEARS AGO. SINCE HICKEL
WAS ELECTED GOVERNOR OF ALASKA IN NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX, THEIR
ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN VERY CLOSE AND THEY HAVE SPENT CONSIDERABLE
AMOUNT OF TIME IN EACH OTHER'S COMPANY.

HE CONSIDERS GOVERNOR HICKEL TO BE A THOROUGHLY CONSCIENTIOUS
AND LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN. GOVERNOR HICKEL ENJOYS A GOOD REPUTA-
TION THROUGHOUT ALASKA FOR HONESTY, SOBRIETY, TRUSTWORTHINESS, AND
DISCRETION. GOVERNOR HICKEL HAS NEVER BEEN CONNECTED WITH ANY
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SCANDAL AND HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING GOVERNOR HICKEL IN ANY PHASE OF HIS LIFE, WHETHER IT BE PERSONAL, BUSINESS, OR POLITICAL.

GOVERNOR HICKEL'S OUTSTANDING SUCCESSES IN BUSINESS AND POLITICS ARE AN INDICATION OF HIS GREAT ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER ABILITIES. THESE SUCCESSES ARE SPECIALLY ADMIRABLE IN VIEW OF GOVERNOR HICKEL'S HUMBLE BEGINNING.

GOVERNOR HICKEL'S CLOSEST ASSOCIATES ARE ALASKA STATE SENATOR CARL BRADY AND ALASKA BUSINESSMAN

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HE BELIEVES THAT GOVERNOR HICKEL WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND RECOMMENDS HIM WITHOUT RESERVATION OF ANY KIND FOR THAT POSITION.

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REPORTING OFFICE WASHINGTON FIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 12/27/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/23/68 - 12/27/68
TITLE OF CASE WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY dlm
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REFERENCES: Butel dated 12/23/68.
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Copy to:

Report of: SA ERLE L. NORTON, JR.
Date: 12/27/68

Office: Washington, D. C.

Field Office File #: 161-5231

Bureau File #:

Title: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: U.S. Senator STEVENS, Alaska, recommended appointee.
Records of Republican National Committee negative.
Travel on behalf of U.S. Chamber of Commerce verified.
CSC nothing additional. CIA nothing identifiable.
No record HCUA.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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UNITED STATES SENATE

On December 26, 1967, Senator THEODORE STEVENS (Alaska), advised SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR., he has known the appointee, WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL, since approximately 1950 as a close personal and professional associate. He noted that he, STEVENS had recently been designated as the United States Senator following the death of Senator E.L. BARTLETT (Alaska). He said his close association with him had included numerous visits to the appointee's residences at Anchorage and Juneau, Alaska, and also close participation in political activities of their political party. He had no question concerning the appointee's personal or professional ethics, nor as to his loyalty to the United States. He said he has always maintained a good reputation. He recommended him without hesitation to any position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government, saying he had no question concerning his suitability for the highest of federal posts.

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Chamber of Commerce of the United States
1615 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [] on December 26, 1968.

Mr. [] General Counsel of captioned organization, advised that Governor WALTER J. HICKEL is not presently a member of the Chamber, nor has he ever been employed by same. Mr. [] explained that Governor HICKEL did participate in several conferences that were held in Japan by the American and Japanese business men. This was a program instituted by the Chamber in 1961 to promote better business relations between Japan and the United States.

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Mr. [] is not acquainted with Governor HICKEL and referred SA [] to Mrs. []

Mrs. [] Staff Secretary, International Affairs Committee of captioned Chamber, advised as follows:

Governor HICKEL participated in the first United States - Japanese business conference sponsored by the Chamber in 1961. At that time HICKEL was President of HICKEL Investment Company which was based in Alaska. Mrs. [] stressed that HICKEL was never an employee of the Chamber but was selected to participate in these conferences on the basis of his vast knowledge of both foreign and domestic commerce.

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Mrs. [] declared that these conferences were held in 1961, 1964, 1965, 1967 and 1968. Although specific records relating to the names of the participants

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are not maintained, Mrs. [] verified that Governor HICKEL did, in fact, participate in each of the aforementioned conferences.

In addition, he has participated in other Chamber undertakings, specifically a business survey in Tahiti and a tour of Europe in 1965. These were also sponsored by the Chamber.

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Mrs. [] knows Governor HICKEL only by reputation, which she described as being outstanding. She pointed out that only those business men who would be capable of dealing with Japanese businessmen who are noted for their sensitivity, were selected to represent the Chamber at the aforementioned conference. Mrs. [] concluded by stating that Governor HICKEL was never on the payroll of the Chamber and merely took part in above programs sponsored by the Chamber.

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On December 26, 1968, SA [] caused a search to be made of the records of the Republican National Committee and no record regarding the appointee was disclosed.

SA WILLIAM E. TRAINOR, JR., caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on December 26, 1968, that no additional pertinent information was found concerning the appointee or his wife ERMALEE STRUTZ HICKEL. b6 b7C

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were reviewed on December 26, 1968, by SE [] and no identifiable record was found for the appointee.

IC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised on December 27, 1968, that no record was located for the appointee.

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RADIOGRAM

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TO SAC ANCHORAGE
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED
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DREW PEARSON'S ARTICLE OF DECEMBER TWO SEVEN, LAST,
INDICATED THE ALASKAN ESKIMOS, WITH THE HELP OF THE OFFICE
OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, ALASKA STATE COMMUNITY ACTION
AGENCY AND ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES, ORGANIZED A COOPERATIVE
IN ONE NINE SIX SEVEN.

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IN THE SUMMER OF ONE NINE SIX EIGHT AN ESKIMO FISHING
COOPERATIVE AT KUSKOKWIN, ALASKA, HAD A CONTRACT WITH
MITSUBISHI INTERNATIONAL AND KYOKUYO HOGIE LTD. OF JAPAN
TO PURCHASE DRESSED KING SALMON AT THREE THREE CENTS PER
POUND AND DRESSED SILVER SALMON AT TWO THREE CENTS PER
POUND, PLUS FOUR ZERO CENTS PER POUND FOR SALMON ROE.
PREVIOUSLY THEY HAD BEEN PAID ONE FIVE CENTS PER POUND BY
SEATTLE BUYERS. THIS CONTRACT HAD BEEN CONSUMATED WITH THE
ASSISTANCE OF [REDACTED] OF ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES.

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**RADIOGRAM TO ANCHORAGE
RE: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL**

IN THE SUMMER OF ONE NINE SIX EIGHT THE JAPANESE SHIP AKITSU MARU ARRIVED TO PICK UP THE FISH, BUT ACCORDING TO PEARSON, HICKEL REFUSED TO LET THE SHIP PICK UP THE FISH. HICKEL'S MEN TRIED TO BOARD THE SHIP, WHICH THE CAPTAIN REFUSED. THE SHIP WAS THEN BUZZED BY A PLANE. HICKEL RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT THE SHIP WAS LEGALLY IN ALASKAN WATERS AND NOT IN VIOLATION OF THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHING TREATY AND HAD BEEN CLEARED BY THE AMERICAN COUNCIL AT KOBE, ALASKA.

AFTER ASSURANCE FROM CUSTOMS, HEALTH AND IMMIGRATION THAT EVERYTHING WAS IN ORDER AND THE CAPTAIN OF THE AKITSU MARU REFUSED TO BE "INTIMIDATED BY HICKEL'S TEN-MAN TASK FORCE," A CONFERENCE OF STATE AND OFFICIALS OF MITSUBISHI WAS CALLED.

SAID REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ESKIMO COOPERATIVE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO SIT IN THE CONFERENCE AND AFTER A THREE HOUR MEETING, THEY WERE HANDED A NOTE SAYING ALL CONTRACTS WERE CANCELLED. THIS RESULTED IN SEVERAL THOUSAND POUNDS OF FISH SPOILING PRIOR TO BEING ABLE TO BE FLOWN TO ANCHORAGE TO BE FROZEN.

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**RADIOGRAM TO ANCHORAGE
RE: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL**

**ANCHORAGE SHOULD INTERVIEW JACOBS AND CONDUCT OTHER
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO RESOLVE ABOVE MATTER. AS
DEADLINE IS PAST A DETAILED TELETYPE OR RADIOGRAM SUMMARY
SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON ABOVE AND ANY OTHER OUTSTANDING LEADS.**

**ANCHORAGE SHOULD LOCATE [REDACTED] AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE
LEAD AS SAN FRANCISCO ADVISED HE DOES NOT LIVE THERE.**

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TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)
FROM ANCHORAGE 1-P

✓ MR. CLEVELAND
ROOM 1246
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WALTER J. HICKEL. SPECIAL INQUIRY.

ARTICLE BY DREW PEARSON ALLEGING HICKEL'S "SHOCKING
BEHAVIOR" CONCERNING CONTRACT BETWEEN ESKIMO FISHERMEN
AND JAPANESE FISHING FIRM APPEARS IN ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS
DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT. BUREAU NEED NOT SUBMIT THIS
ARTICLE AS WAS TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED DECEMBER TWENTYSEVEN
LAST.

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TO DIRECTOR AND HONOLULU -CODE-
HONOLULU VIA WASHINGTON
FROM ANCHORAGE 1P

MR. CLEVELAND
ROOM 1245

WALTER J. HICKEL. SPECIAL INQUIRY.

REHNTL DECEMBER TWO SEVEN LAST.

STEP-SON OF [] STATES LATTER HAD RESERVATIONS

WAIKIKI ROYAL HOTEL WHEN LEFT ANCHORAGE AND WAS TO ADVISE OF ANY

CHANGE IN PLANS. [] HAS NOT CONTACTED STEP-SON. []

WOULD HAVE PREFERRED OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS BUT NONE AVAILABLE.

[] MAY HAVE FOUND MORE SUITABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AFTER ARRIVAL

IN HONOLULU. HE HAS IN THE PAST STAYED AT REEF HOTEL. MAY HAVE

REGISTERED UNDER NAME [] STEP-SON WILL IMMEDIATLY

ADVISE IF RECEIVES INFORMATION OF [] LOCATION. STEP-SON

ONLY PERSON WHO WOULD BE ADVISED BY [] OF ANY CHANGE IN

PLANS.

HONOLULU ATTEMPT LOCATE [] AT REEF HOTEL AND RECONTACT

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FROM HONOLULU

MR. CLEVELAND
ROOM 1246

WALTER J. HICKEL, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE ANCHORAGE TELETYPE DATED INSTANT DATE.

REEF HOTEL AND WAIKIKI ROYAL HOTEL PLUS OTHERS RECHECKED
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ANCHORAGE FURNISH HONOLULU INFO RE
WHEREABOUTS OF IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (161-FH) RUC
SUBJECT: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL
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Re WFO telephone call to Baltimore, 12/30/68; and
Baltimore telephone call to WFO, 12/30/68.

Check of DCII on 12/30/68 reflects information
possibly identical with the appointee is located in the
files of the U. S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations
and U. S. Naval Investigative Service, and U. S. Army
Investigative Records Repository.

Air Force File References:

S-F04-SH-64-68-76-78
S-F81-H-62-68-1155
T-F81-H-61-58-4964
T-FH-58-2829

NIS File Reference:

S-NONI-58-RC31983

A review of the Army intelligence file re appointee
on 12/30/68 disclosed no derogatory information.

WFO is requested to review above OSI and NIS file
references and report pertinent identifiable information.

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Anchorage teletypes to Director and Honolulu 12/27 and 28/68.

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requested that the details of Hickel Investment Company purchasing land from be not divulged unless absolutely necessary, that is not made public, but may be used in FBI report.

voluntarily pointed out that of Anchorage is a strong supporter of the Democratic Party in Alaska and also controlled several large supermarket malls in that area and he might be considered a business competitor of HICKEL.

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Title:

WALTER J. HICKEL

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] recommends HICKEL highly.
He does not know of unethical or illegal
transactions on the part of HICKEL.

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DETAILS:

On December 30, 1968, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of [REDACTED] in Anchorage, Alaska,
was contacted at the Waikiki Royal Hotel, Honolulu,
Hawaii, where he was on vacation with his family.

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He
stated he has known WALTER J. HICKEL since approxi-
mately 1941.

When he first met HICKEL, HICKEL was
employed as a bartender in the South Seas Night Club
in Anchorage and he, in his spare time, was building
his own home.

When HICKEL's first wife passed away, he
married ERMALEE STRUTZ, who was a member of a pioneer
family in Alaska.

[] advised that he and his family have been well acquainted with HICKEL and his family for many years. He considers HICKEL to be an intelligent, industrious, ethical and honest individual, both in his business dealings and in his handling of the Office of the Governor of the State of Alaska. [] added that he had contributed financially to and has aided personally in the campaign that elected HICKEL Governor of Alaska. He pointed out that his partner in the cleaning business, [] is also a supporter of HICKEL and was the State of Alaska Republican Party Chairman.

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[] stated that he, in January of 1966, had purchased 80 acres of land south of Anchorage which was known as the Howling Dog Ranch. He subdivided it and was offering it for sale. Soon after he made this purchase, he contacted the Department of Highways for the State of Alaska asking about the routing of the proposed super highway which would connect with the Stewart Highway. He was informed that there were several routes under consideration but as yet none had been definitely decided upon.

It was August, 1968, when the Department of Highways announced the routing of this super highway and it was public knowledge because condemnation proceedings had been instituted to obtain the right of way for this highway. This highway was going to go across land purchased by [] and naturally this land increased in value.

On November 1, 1968, a full four months after the route of this highway was made known, the Hickel Investment Company took an option to purchase some of this land owned by []

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[] stated that he could see nothing underhanded, illegal or unethical in the purchase of this land by the Hickel Investment Company because the option to buy had been made after the route of the proposed super highway was public information.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM HOUSTON (161-357) 1P

✓ MR. CLEVELAND
ROOM 1248

WALTER JOSEPH RICKEL, SI.

REDALLAS TELCALL THIS DATE.

[REDACTED] SUPERINTENDENT, BUREAU OF RECORDS AND
IDENTIFICATION, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, HUNTSVILLE,
TEXAS, ADVISED TODAY RECORDS THAT OFFICE REFLECT ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOMETOWN DUMAS, TEXAS,

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TO DIRECTOR AND HOUSTON (TELEPHONE)

FROM DALLAS (161-453) (RUC) 2-P

MR. CLEVELAND
ROOM 1246

WALTER JOSTPH HICKEL. SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED: DEC. TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

RE BUTEL CALL TO DALLAS THIS DATE.

FOR INFO OF HOUSTON AT ONE FIFTY PM INSTANT, SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SOG, TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED THAT DALLAS DETERMINE DIS-
POSITION OF AN ARREST FOR A [REDACTED] OF APPOINTEE. HE

IDENTIFIED THE [REDACTED]

APPOINTEE AT THE TIME OF [REDACTED] REQUESTED DALLAS OBTAIN
[REDACTED] AND SUBMIT TELETYPE TO BUREAU THIS
DATE, NO REPORT NECESSARY.

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ON INSTANT DATE, DEPUTY SHERIFF, [REDACTED] DUMAS, TEXAS,
REVIEWED HIS RECORDS AND ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] WAS

[REDACTED] THERE IS A VOLUNTARY STATEMENT IN FILE WHERE HE WAS
INTERVIEWED. AT THAT TIME HE COULD LOCATE NO FURTHER RECORD.

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ON INSTANT DATE DEPUTY [] CHECKED WITH []
DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE, DUMAS, WHO WAS UNABLE TO FIND ANY
RECORD OF THE ABOVE ARREST.

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AFTER A FURTHER REVIEW OF HIS RECORDS, DEPUTY [] FOUND
A RECORD OF A LETTER WHICH SHERIFF P. F. YOUNGER, MOORE COUNTY
SHERIFF AT THAT TIME, HAD WRITTEN ON JUNE TWENTY NINE NINETEEN
FORTYTHREE TO THE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS,
STATE PENITENTIARY TELLING THEM, APPARENTLY IN REPLY TO A LETTER
WHICH IS NOT IN FILE, THAT HE COULD NOT SAY WHETHER OR NOT HE
RECOMMENDED LENIENCY INASMUCH AS SUB HAD NOT BEEN A RESIDENT OF
THAT COUNTY PRIOR TO HIS ARREST IN THAT COUNTY. SHERIFF []
COULD LOCATE NO FURTHER RECORD.

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HOUSTON AT HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, WILL
REVIEW RECORDS HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, STATE PENITENTIARY IN AN EFFORT
TO LOCATE DISPOSITION OF ARREST OF [] RUC.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM KANSAS CITY 77-4858

MR. CLEVELAND
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WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE TELEPHONE CALL OF [REDACTED] OF BUREAU DEC. THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT.

DISPOSITION OF ARREST OF [REDACTED] ON NOV. TWENTYTHIRD
THIRTYNINE AFTER RELEASE BY WICHITA, KANSAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT TO
NEWTON, KANSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE ALL POLICE
AND COURT RECORDS PRIOR TO NINETEEN FORTY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

THE NAME DR. [REDACTED] ON PAGE SEVEN SHOULD BE DR. [REDACTED]

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FROM SAN FRANCISCO (161-1267) PLAINTEXT (RUC)

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL, SPI.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL NEGATIVE, SAN FRANCISCO, FOR ☐

RECORDS UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO SHOW ☐

☐ REGISTERED AS A FRESHMAN CURRENT SEMESTER AND RESIDING
STUDENT RESIDENCE, PHELAN HALL, UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5231) (P)

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL
SPI

Re report of SA [REDACTED], dated 12/27/68
at Washington, D. C.

EMPLOYMENTWhite House Office (WHO)

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED] on December 30, 1968.

Mrs. [REDACTED] WHO, and
[REDACTED] WHO, both advised
that their files contained no record regarding the
appointee.

MISCELLANEOUS

On December 30, 1968, SA [REDACTED]
reviewed the files of the Passport Office, United States
Department of State, which disclosed the appointee was
issued a passport at Seattle, Washington, on March 22,
1961 for proposed business travel of two weeks to Tahiti.

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On August 17, 1967, he was issued a passport at Seattle, Washington, for proposed eight days travel to Japan with the United States Chamber of Commerce Trade Mission to Japan. The file contained no further passports for the appointee nor any derogatory information.

The files reflected the Office of Special Investigations, United States Department of the Air Force, reviewed the appointee's file in March, 1964, but the reason for the review was not indicated.

The Defense Central Index of Investigations (DCII), Fort Holabird, Maryland, comprising indices to Army, Navy and Air Force investigative files, was searched through a representative of that agency on December 30, 1968, and disclosed information possibly identical with the appointee is contained in the files of the United States Naval Investigative Service (NIS) and United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations (OSI).

LEAD: WFO. Will report results of NIS and OSI record checks when files made available.

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FROM HONOLULU (161-165)

WALTER J. HICKEL, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

MR. CLEVELAND
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RE ANCHOAGE TELETYPES TO DIRECTOR AND HONOLULU DECEMBER
TWENTY SEVEN AND TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

[REDACTED] FIVE TWO EIGHT FOURTEENTH AVENUE,
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, [REDACTED] OF ALASKA CLEANERS, THIS DATE
ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HICKEL SINCE NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY
ONE. HICKEL WAS WORKING AS BARTENDER AT SOUTH SEAS NIGHT CLUB
IN ANCHORAGE AT THE TIME. WHEN HICKEL'S FIRST WIFE DIED, HE
MARRIED ERMALEE STRUTZ OF PIONEER ANCHORAGE FAMILY.

[REDACTED] STATED HE WOULD QUOTE SWEAR BY HICKEL ALL THE
WAY UNQUOTE. HICKEL IS CONSIDERED TO BE HARD WORKING,
INTELLIGENT, INDUSTRIOUS, HONEST AND ETHICAL AND OF GOOD
MORAL CHARACTER. [REDACTED] CONTRIBUTED TO AND AIDED IN THE
CAMPAIGN TO ELECT HICKEL GOVERNOR OF ALASKA. [REDACTED]
PARTNER OF [REDACTED] IN ALASKA CLEANERS, WAS REPUBLICAN STATE
PARTY CHAIRMAN AND ALSO WORKS IN BEHALF OF HICKEL.

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[] STATED THAT HE, IN JANUARY, NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY SIX, PURCHASED EIGHTY ACRES OF LAND SOUTH OF ANCHORAGE ON THE STEWART HIGHWAY.

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SOON AFTER PURCHASE, HE CONTACTED ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS CONCERNING ROUTING OF THE PROPOSED SUPER HIGHWAY WHICH WOULD CONNECT WITH THE STEWART HIGHWAY. THE STATE, PRIOR TO AUGUST, NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT, HAD DECIDED ON THE ROUTE AND IT WAS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AS CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS STARTED FOR THE RIGHT OF WAY. ON NOVEMBER ONE, LAST, THE HICKEL INVESTMENT COMPANY TOOK AN OPTION TO PURCHASE SOME OF [] LAND. [] POINTED OUT THAT THE OPTION WAS OBTAINED LONG AFTER THE ROUTE OF THE PROPOSED SUPER HIGHWAY WAS MADE PUBLIC AND THIS SUPER HIGHWAY IS CUTTING THROUGH [] LAND AND ITS VALUE HAS INCREASED.

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[] REQUEST THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF LAND AS THE HICKEL INVESTMENT COMPANY BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL.

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[REDACTED] VOLUNTARILY POINTED OUT THAT [REDACTED]
OF ANCHORAGE IS STRONG SUPPORTER OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN ALASKA.
ALSO CONTROLLER OF SEVERAL LARGE SUPERMARKET MALLS IN ANCHOARGE
AND MIGHT BE CONSIDERED A BUSINESS COMPETITOR OF HICKEL.

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TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)
FROM ANCHORAGE (77 - 867) 3-P

MR. CLEVELAND
ROOM 1246

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL. SI.

REURTELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE.

RECORDS, ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPT., DISCLOSE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION CONCERNING WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL, FBI NO.
THREE SEVEN NINE FOUR FOUR EIGHT FIVE.

MARCH TWO SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY TWO, FAILURE TO APPEAR;
WARRANT SERVED FOR PARKING VIOLATION, EIGHT DOLLAR BAIL PAID
SAME DATE AND FORFEITED MARCH TWO EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO.

FEBRUARY ONE NINE, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN,
NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, DECEMBER TWO SIX, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, AND
JANUARY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, VEHICLE ACCIDENT
OCCURRING EACH DATE. OWNER OF VEHICLE AND NOT INVOLVED.

NOVEMBER TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, POSSIBLE KIDNAPING
ATTEMPT INVOLVING SON. NAMED IN INVESTIGATION ONLY.
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NOVEMBER NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, OWNER OF STOLEN VEHICLE.

DECEMBER TWO THREE, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, FATHER OF A MINOR ON PREMISES.

CONCERNING MRS. WALTER J. HICKEL PAREN ERMALEE END PAREN, ONE NINE ZERO FIVE LOUSSAC DRIVE, ANCHORAGE.

MAY ONE THREE, NINETEEN FIFTYONE, MENTIONED AS MOTHER OF JUVENILE.

JULY THIRTEEN NINETEEN FIFTY TWO.

FAILURE TO APPEAR WARRANT SERVED FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS WITH TWENTY DOLLAR BAIL PAID SAME DATE AND FORFEITED ON JULY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTYTWO.

JUNE TWO, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, DRIVER DASH OWNER OF VEHICLE INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT, NOT CITED.

NOVEMBER TWO NINE, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, COMPLAINANT CONCERNING A JUVENILE INCIDENT.

CONCERNING [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAN FRANCISCO, WFO -PLAINTEXT-
FROM ANCHORAGE (77 - 864) 7-P

MR. CLEVELAND
ROOM 1246

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL. SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED PAST.

RE ANCHORAGE RADIOGRAM DECEMBER THIRTYONE INSTANT.

ON DECEMBER THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, [REDACTED]

REPRESENTATIVE, ASSOCIATION OF PACIFIC FISHERIES, JUNEAU,
ALASKA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS -

HE RECEIVED A LETTER DATED MAY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY
EIGHT, FROM GOVERNOR HICKEL REQUESTING TO KNOW IF ALASKA SALMON
INDUSTRY WAS PREPARED TO PURCHASE ALL AVAILABLE SALMON FROM
ALL AREAS OF ALASKA AND IF THE INDUSTRY WAS PREPARED TO HARVEST
UP TO TWENTYFIVE PERCENT MORE SALMON THAN ANTICIPATED CATCH.
HICKEL INDICATED IN THIS LETTER THAT HE WOULD NOT HESITATE TO
INVITE INTO ALASKA OTHER PROCESSING FACILITIES SHOULD THE
DOMESTIC CAPABILITY PROVE TO BE INADEQUATE TO HANDLE THE CATCH
OF ALASKAN SALMON. THIS LETTER WAS REFERRED TO THE MAIN OFFICE
OF THE ASSOCIATION IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, AND ON MAY THIRTYONE,
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, A LETTER TO HICKEL FROM THE EXECUTIVE

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VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION STATED, QUOTE WE ARE CERTAIN THAT ORDINARY PROCESSING OF THE FISH AVAILABLE FOR HARVEST WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY DOMESTIC PROCESSORS IN ALL AREAS OF ALASKA AND NO OCCASION WILL ARISE WHERE ADDITIONAL PROCESSING FACILITIES WILL BE REQUIRED UNQUOTE.

[] WAS A MEMBER OF A TASK FORCE APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR HICKEL TO TRAVEL TO BETHEL, ALASKA, AND ASSESS THE SITUATION BETWEEN THE KUSKOKWIM FISHERMEN COOPERATIVE, HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS COOP, AND THE JAPANESE WHICH OCCURRED DURING THE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT FISHING SEASON. THIS TASK FORCE WAS INSTRUCTED BY HICKEL NOT TO HINDER THE COOP IN ANY MANNER AND TO OFFER AS MUCH ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO MAKE THE VENTURE A SUCCESS. UPON ARRIVING IN BETHEL HE FOUND APPROXIMATELY FIVE DOMESTIC PROCESSORS PREPARED TO PURCHASE AND HANDLE FISH AT PRICES EQUAL TO OR ABOVE OFFERS BY THE JAPANESE KYOKUYO HOGEI COMPANY WHOSE SHIP WAS IN THE KUSKOKWIM AT THAT TIME. IN

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ADDITION, HE PERSONALLY MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH AN ANCHORAGE COMPANY TO PURCHASE ANY EXCESS FISH AND TO PAY EQUAL PRICES IN ADDITION TO AIR FREIGHT COSTS.

[] STATED THAT ONE [] WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS INCOMPETENT, HAD BECOME INVOLVED WITH [] OF THE ALASKA OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPURTUNITY AND THE COOP EVOLVED FROM THIS ASSOCIATION. HE SAID [] REFERRED TO THE COOP AS HIS BRAIN CHILD AND TO [] AS HIS FISHERIES EXPERT. []

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[] OF BETHEL WAS TO OPERATE THE COOP AND [] DESCRIBED AS INADEQUATE, UNPREPARED AND WITH LITTLE, IF ANY, KNOWLEDGE OF FISH PROCESSING.

THERE WAS NO HARRASSMENT OF THE JAPANESE VESSEL OR PERSONNEL TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. HE BELIEVES THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DID HAVE AN AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA CARRYING ON ITS NORMAL ROUTINE PATROLS AND ALSO BELIEVES ONE MEMBER

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OF THE TASK FORCE FLEW OVER THE JAPANESE SHIP FOR OBSERVATION PURPOSES. IN REGARD TO THE QUOTE ROTTING FISH UNQUOTE INCIDENT,

[] STATED HE PERSONALLY SAW THIS LOAD OF APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED TO FOUR HUNDRED LARGE KING SALMON IN A ROTTEN CONDITION AT THE COOP PRIOR TO SHIPMENT TO ANCHORAGE. THESE FISH WERE STORED ON A DRY BARGE, UNICED, UNCLEANED, UNGILLED AND COVERED WITH A TARPAULIN IN NINETY DEGREE TEMPERATURE. HE ATTRIBUTED THE FAILURE OF THE COOP TO ITS LACK OF PREPAREDNESS, EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL AND INEPT MANAGEMENT. HE HAD HEARD FROM AN UNRECALLED SOURCE THAT THE ALASKA FISHERMEN WOULD HAVE REFUSED TO SELL TO THE JAPANESE EVEN IF NO DOMESTIC BUYERS MET JAPANESE PRICES DUE TO THEIR PREVIOUS COMPLETELY UNSATISFACTORY DEALINGS WITH []

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GOVERNOR HICKEL ORIGINALLY FELT THE JAPANESE WERE IN VIOLATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY AND IT WAS HICKEL'S FERVENT DESIRE TO SEE THE ALASKA FISHERMEN PROTECTED THROUGH
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AN EQUAL OR HIGHER MARKET AND THAT DOMESTIC PROCESSORS WERE PROTECTED. SHORTLY FOLLOWING THE KUSKOKWIM INCIDENT, A VESSEL FROM SEATTLE TOOK ON A LOAD OF FISH FROM THE MOUTH OF THE KUSKOKWIM TO KODIAK, ALASKA, AND PLANES WERE UNABLE TO FLY REMAINING FISH TO ANCHORAGE RESULTING IN ACTION BY GOVERNOR HICKEL WHO INVITED JAPANESE VESSEL TO RETURN FOR BUYING PURPOSES AT QUINHAGAK, ALASKA, WHICH THE JAPANESE VESSEL DID.

THERE WAS NEVER ANY QUOTE BATTLE UNQUOTE BETWEEN THE COOP AND THE TASK FORCE TO HIS KNOWLEDGE AND GOVERNOR HICKEL HAD ADVISED THE TASK FORCE THEIR MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO ASSIST AND ADVISE IN MAKING THE COOP A SUCCESS. HE ATTRIBUTES ENTIRELY THE UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY TO THE POLITICAL POSITIONS OF VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA. ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT PERSONALLY AGREE WITH MANY OF HICKEL'S IDEAS AND POLICIES AND IS NOT OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY, HE IS IN ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AGREEMENT WITH HICKEL'S ACTION CONCERNING THE KUSKOKWIM INCIDENT AND SINCERELY AND

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HIGHLY RECOMMENDS HICKEL FOR ANY HIGH POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

ON DECEMBER THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] INTERIOR AIRLINES, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION -

HE WAS CONTACTED TO FLY A QUANTITY OF SALMON FROM THE COOP IN BETHEL TO ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, AFTER THE STATE OF ALASKA REFUSED TO PERMIT THE SALE OF FISH TO JAPANESE BECAUSE OF A LONG STANDING POLICY THAT SUCH SALE TO FOREIGN INTERESTS WAS PERMITTED ONLY IF THERE WAS AN INSUFFICIENT DOMESTIC MARKET. IN THIS INSTANCE, THERE WERE NUMEROUS DOMESTIC BUYERS INTERESTED IN THE SALMON. HE RECALLS HAULING ONE LOAD OF FISH WHICH WAS SPOILED. THESE FISH WERE SPOILED PRIOR TO BEING LOADED ON THE AIRCRAFT. HE BELIEVES REASON FOR SPOILAGE WAS INABILITY OF COOP TO ADEQUATELY PROCESS THE FISH FOR AIR FREIGHTING AND THE DELAY CAUSED BY LOCATING PROPER CONTAINERS FOR SHIPPING.

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☐ RECALLS A DELAY OF APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN HOURS IN CONNECTION WITH ONE LOAD OF FISH WHICH WERE NOT HAULED BY HIMSELF, BUT THIS LOAD DID NOT SPOIL. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION AT BETHEL THAT THE SPOILED FISH HAD BEEN INTENTIONALLY SPOILED TO EMBARRASS GOVERNOR HICKEL, BUT HE HAS NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS.

IT IS HIS OPINION GOVERNOR HICKEL'S DECISION TO REFUSE TO SELL TO JAPANESE WAS CORRECT, IN AS MUCH AS THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO PRICE ADVANTAGE IN SELLING TO THEM AND THE FISHERMEN AND EVERYONE CONCERNED PROFITED MORE FROM LOCAL SALE. HE IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH HICKEL AND FEELS HICKEL IS AN OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR WHO HAS DONE AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD JOB AS GOVERNOR AND WHO POSSESSES THE ABILITY, JUDGMENT AND INTEGRITY WHICH WILL QUALIFY HIM FOR A TOP LEVEL POSITION WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

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TO DIRECTOR AND WASHINGTON FIELD.
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (161-1267) /1P/

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL, SPI, BUDED PAST.

RE AN TEL THIS DATE.

[REDACTED] LOCATED AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED TEN AM, JANUARY
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TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)

FROM ANCHORAGE (77 - 867) 8-P

MR. CLEVELAND
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WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL. SI. BUDED PAST.

REBUTELETYPE DECEMBER TWO EIGHT LAST AND ANCHORAGE RAD
DECEMBER THIRTYONE INSTANT.

ON DECEMBER THIRTY LAST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORP. PAREN ALSO END PAREN,
ADVISED THIS CORP. IS EIGHT FIVE PER CENT FUNDED BY
THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND FIFTEEN PER CENT BY
DONATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA STATE BAR. [REDACTED]
FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

IN EARLY SIXTYEIGHT, HE RECEIVED A SPECIFIC REQUEST
FROM [REDACTED] MANAGER OF KUSKOKWIM FISHERMEN COOPERATIVE
INC., HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS COOP, REQUESTING LEGAL
ASSISTANCE OF HIS OFFICE REGARDING WHETHER OR NOT THE STATE
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW APPLIES TO THE COOP. HE DETERMINED
THROUGH AVERAGE INCOME FIGURES REPORTED BY THE BUREAU OF
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INDIAN AFFAIRS THAT THE COOP WAS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE OF HIS OFFICE AND ADVISED [] THAT HIS OFFICE WOULD REPRESENT THE COOP WHEN NEEDED. HE OFFERED ASSISTANCE OF HIS OFFICE TO CROW IN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE COOP AND JAPANESE DURING THE SIXTYEIGHT FISHING SEASON CONCERNING THE PURCHASE BY THE JAPANESE OF FISH FROM THE COOP. THIS REQUEST WAS REFUSED. ALSO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE WRITING OF CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE COOP AND THE JOINT VENTURE FIRMS OF MITSUBISHI INTERNATIONAL, AN AMERICAN CORPORATION, AND KYOKUYO HOGEI CO., LTD., A JAPANESE CORPORATION. HE SAID THE PARENT ORGANIZATION, MITSUBISHI, A JAPANESE CORPORATION, OWNS MITSUBISHI INTERNATIONAL, AND KYOKUYO HOGEI CO. OWNS THE JAPANESE FREEZER SHIP INVOLVED IN THE KUSKOKWIM INCIDENT, THE AKITSU-MARU NO. FIVE. HE SAID [] [] WAS EMPLOYED BY THE ALASKA STATE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (ASCAP) AS A FISHERIES CONSULTANT AND

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IN THIS POSITION BECAME INVOLVED IN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE COOP AND THE JAPANESE..

REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF ALSO AFTER GOV. HICKEL INDICATED HE WOULD TAKE STEPS NECESSARY TO PROHIBIT THE JAPANESE FREEZER SHIP FROM ENTERING THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER AND THIS REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

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HE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED GOVERNOR HICKEL CONCERNING THE INCIDENT TO DETERMINE THE GOVERNOR'S POSITION AND HOPED TO PERSUADE HICKEL TO WITHDRAW HIS OBJECTIONS BECAUSE OTHERWISE IT WOULD BE HIS DUTY AS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COOP TO BRING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST HICKEL FOR A RESTRAINING ORDER TO PREVENT FURTHER INTERFERENCE BY THE GOV. HE ALLEGED THAT DURING THIS CONVERSATION, HICKEL STATED IN EFFECT THAT HICKEL HAD TOLD SOME DIRECTORS OF ASCAP THAT HICKEL FELT THE COOP WAS GOING TO GENERATE SOME TROUBLE AND ILLUSTRATED THIS BY MENTIONING SEVERAL DOMESTIC FISH PROCESSORS HAD BEEN BEARING AT HIS DOOR CONCERNING THE KUSKOKWIM-JAPANESE MATTER. HE RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION

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THAT HICKEL WAS CONSIDERABLY CONCERNED REGARDING DOMESTIC BUYERS AND PROCESSORS. HE TOLD HICKEL THAT HE REPRESENTED THE COOP AND THAT THE TREATY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE HIGH SEAS FISHERIES OF THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN WAS IN NO WAY VIOLATED AND DID NOT COVER THE KUSKOKWIM INCIDENT, THAT THE JAPANESE FREEZER SHIP HAD BEEN CLEARED FOR ENTRY INTO ALASKAN WATERS BY ALL THE NECESSARY FEDERAL AGENCIES. HE ALLEGED THAT HICKEL RESPONDED TO THIS BY STATING IN EFFECT THAT HICKEL DID NOT CARE AND DID NOT FEEL THE FISH SHOULD BE SOLD TO FOREIGN PROCESSORS IF DOMESTIC BUYERS WANTED TO BUY THE FISH. HE SAID GOV. HICKEL HAS EITHER BEEN THE VICTIM OF INACCURATE ADVICE OR DECIDED TO "BLUFF HIS WAY THROUGH CONCERNING THE TREATY."

[REDACTED] FURTHER STATED THAT AFTER THE JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES HAD A CONVERENCE WITH GOV. HICKEL, THESE REPRESENTATIVES

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WENT TO BETHEL, ALASKA AND INFORMED THE COOP THAT THEIR
CONTRACT ^{HAD} ~~AND~~ BEEN BROKEN DUE TO INABILITY OF COOP TO OBTAIN
THE BLESSING OF THE GOVERNOR FOR ENTRANCE OF THE JAPANESE
FREEZER SHIP INTO THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER TO RECEIVE UNPROCESSED
FISH FROM THE COOP. [] STATED THAT THE COOP WAS NOT
LEGALLY REQUIRED TO NOTIFY GOV. HICKEL REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS
BEING MADE TO HAVE THE JAPANESE FREEZER SHIP ENTER ALASKAN
WATERS TO PURCHASE UNPROCESSED SALMON. HE SAID THE REGULATION
OF FOREIGN TRADE AND COMMERCE IS RESERVED TO THE FEDERAL
GOVT. BY THE U. S. CONSTITUTION AND THAT ANY GROUP OF ALASKAN
FISHERMEN CAN FORM A COOPERATIVE AND ARRANGE WITH ANY FOREIGN
PROCESSOR TO ENTER ALASKAN WATERS AND PURCHASE UNPROCESSED
FISH; AND THAT THE STATE OF ALASKA HAS NO JURISDICTION TO
ATTEMPT TO CONTROL OR IN ANY WAY INTERFERE WITH ANY SUCH
ARRANGEMENTS MADE BETWEEN A COOPERATIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE
OF FOREIGN GOVT. HE ADDED IT IS OBVIOUS FROM READING THE
TREATY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE HIGH SEAS
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FISHERIES OF THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN, TITLE EIGHT, USC, SECTION ONE ONE EIGHT TWO (A), THAT THE KUSKOKWIM INCIDENT WAS NOT, IN ANY WAY, IN VIOLATION OF THIS TREATY.

ALSO BROUGHT ACTION IN FEDERAL COURT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF TO RESTRAIN GOV. HICKEL AND HIS AGENTS FROM PROHIBITING THE JAPANESE FREEZER SHIP, AKITSU-MARU NO. FIVE, FROM ENTERING THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER AND ANCHORING AT THE MOUTH OF THE JOHNSON RIVER TO ACCEPT SALMON FROM THE COOP DURING THE SIXTYEIGHT FISHING SEASON OR OTHERWISE INTERFERING WITH OR PREVENTING SUCH OPERATIONS BY THE FREEZER SHIP. THE COURT, IN A MEMORANDUM OF DECISION AND ORDER FILED JUNE FIVE LAST IN USDC, DISTRICT OF ALASKA, DENIED THE APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER. THIS SUIT DISMISSED AFTER HICKEL APPOINTED SECY OF INTERIOR.

[] STATED HE IS AWARE OF THE ARTICLE WRITTEN BY DREW PEARSON CONCERNING THE KUSKOKWIM INCIDENT AND SAID THAT INFORMATION IN THIS ARTICLE IS SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT AND ADDED THAT HE WAS NOT PERSONALLY ON THE SCENE DURING THE
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INCIDENT BUT RECEIVED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INCIDENT FROM STAFF ATTORNEYS OF ALSO WHO WERE AT THE SCENE.

CONCERNING INFORMATION IN THIS ARTICLE QUOTED FROM HIM, HE STATED THAT HE HAD MISQUOTED IN SOME INSTANCES. [] SAID HE HAD NOT ASKED GOV. HICKEL TO HAVE ALSO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ESKIMO COOP SIT IN ON THE CONFERENCE WITH MITSUBISHI OFFICIALS AND THAT THE CONFERENCE BETWEEN THESE OFFICIALS AND HICKEL WAS NOT SECRET BUT WAS RESTRICTED TO INVITED PERSONS. HE DOES NOT RECALL REFERRING TO THE MEETING AS A QUOTE STAR CHAMBER PROCEEDING. END QUOTE.

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HE DOES NOT KNOW IF THE COOP LOST INCOME OR NOT AS THE RESULT OF GOV. HICKEL'S REFUSING TO PERMIT THE JAPANESE SHIP TO ENTER THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER. FISH CAUGHT BY MEMBERS OF THE COOP DURING THE FIRST TWO FISHING PERIODS WERE SOLD TO MITSUBISHI INTERNATIONAL AT THIRTY THREE CENTS PER LB., BUT MITSUBISHI REFUSED TO PAY THE COST OF TRREBORTING THESE FISH BY AIRPLANE FROM BETHEL TO ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, AND ALSO FAILED TO PAY FOR FIFTY EIGHT HUNDRED LBS. OF FISH THAT

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BECAME SPOILED. HE EXPLAINED THAT OF THE MANY THOUSANDS OF LBS. OF FISH SENT TO A COLD STORAGE PLANT IN ANCHORAGE, FIFTY EIGHT HUNDRED LBS. WERE SPOILED AND HE HAS NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE WHAT CAUSED THESE FISH TO SPOIL, BUT ASSUMES THE FISH WERE NOT PLACED ABOARD THE AIRPLANE SOON ENOUGH. ALSO PRESENTLY HAS SUIT OUTSTANDING AGAINST MITSUBISHI FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT.

[] ALSO SAID IF [] EVER MADE A STATEMENT INDICATING THE COOP WAS WILLING TO DROP THE SUIT AGAINST MITSUBISHI BUT THAT ALSO WOULD NOT ALLOW THE COOP TO DROP THE SUIT, THEN THIS STATEMENT IS COMPLETELY INACCURATE SO FAR AS ALSO IS CONCERNED. IF THE COOP DESIRED THE SUIT DISMISSED, THEN ALSO BEFORE ACTING WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COOP.

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TO DIRECTOR, SAN FRANCISCO AND WASHINGTON FIELD (PLAINTEXT)

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FROM ANCHORAGE 15P

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED PAST.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DECEMBER TWENTYSEVEN LAST
ADVISING OF DREW PEARSON ARTICLE CONTAINING ALLEGATION OF
HICKEL'S QUOTE SHOCKING BEHAVIOR UNQUOTE CONCERNING CONTRACT
BETWEEN ESKIMO FISHERMEN AND A JAPANESE FISHING FIRM., AND
REQUESTING ANCHORAGE TO RESOLVE ALLEGATION.

RE ALSO BUREAU TELETYPE TO ANCHORAGE DECEMBER
TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

ON DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT AND TWENTYNINE LAST,

[REDACTED] OF INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES,
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, STATE OF ALASKA, ADVISED HE HAS
BEEN EMPLOYED IN THIS POSITION SINCE JUNE TWENTY LAST AND,
PRIOR THERETO, HAD BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE ALASKA STATEHOOD,
JULY ONE FIFTYNINE, AS REGIONAL SUPERVISOR, CENTRAL REGION
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, STATE OF ALASKA. [REDACTED] STATED
HE IS A GRADUATE FISHERIES BIOLOGIST, HAS ONLY KNOWN GOVERNOR HICKEL FOR SIX MONTHS, AND THAT PRIOR TO PRESENT

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POSITION, ALL PROMOTIONS THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER HAVE BEEN
MADE ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS AND HAVE NOT BEEN POLITICALLY
MOTIVATED. [] FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS
REPRESENTATIVE OF GOVERNOR HICKEL CONCERNING THIS MATTER WHICH
INVOLVED THE KUSKOKWIM FISHERMAN'S COOPERATIVE AND THE
MITSUBISHI INTERNATIONAL AND KYOKUYO HOGEI COMPANY, LIMITED,
WHICH OCCURRED DURING THE SUMMER OF SIXTYEIGHT WITHIN THE
TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE STATE OF ALASKA.

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4 / PRIOR TO STATEHOOD THERE WERE NO ORGANIZED COMMERCIAL
FISHERIES ON THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER. IN NINETEEN SIXTY, HE AND
HIS STAFF SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME ANNUALLY IN THE KUSKOKWIM
AREA FOSTERING A COMMERCIAL FISHERY WHICH HAS RESULTED IN
A GREAT INCREASE OF FISH CAUGHT. THE FORMATION OF THIS
COMMERCIAL FISHERY WAS CONSTANTLY TROUBLED WITH THE FACT
THAT THESE FISH SHOULD BE UTILIZED FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION
RATHER THAN FOR SALE. EVEN TODAY THERE IS SOME RESENTMENT
AGAINST A COMMERCIAL FISHERY IN THE KUSKOKWIM AREA, THOUGH
THIS FISHERY HAS BROUGHT NEEDED CASH TO LOCAL RESIDENTS,

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WHICH FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES ARE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT
NATIVE.

THE BASIC PHILOSOPHY OF THE STATE OF ALASKA AND
THE POLICY SINCE STATEHOOD HAS BEEN TO HARVEST SALMON RUNS AT
THE MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE YIELD AND HAVE THESE FISH PROCESSED
WITHIN THE STATE BY DOMESTIC LABOR. ON THREE OCCASIONS PRIOR
TO NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, FOREIGN VESSELS PURCHASED SALMON
WITHIN THE STATE OF ALASKA

ALASKA AND ONE OCCASION OCCURRED ^{RED} IN
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN WHEN GOVERNOR HICKEL INVITED A JAPANESE
VESSEL TO KOTZEBUE TO PURCHASE SALMON FROM NATIVE FISHERMEN
DUE TO COMPLETE LACK OF PROCESSING FACILITIES IN THAT AREA.
THE OTHER TWO OCCASIONS OCCURRED UNDER A PRIOR ADMINISTRATION.
AS AN EXAMPLE OF ALASKA'S POLICY TO ASSURE ALL FISH ^{AC} ~~UP~~
PROCESSED BY DOMESTIC PROCESSORS PRIOR TO INVITATION OF
FOREIGN VESSELS, [] FURNISHED A LETTER DATED OCTOBER EIGHT,
LAST, FROM [] NELSON BROTHERS FISHERIES, LTD, VANCOUVER,
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, CONCERNING AN INCIDENT WHICH
OCCURRED IN JULY, SIXTYFIVE, WHEN []'S FIRM WAS NOT ALLOWED
TO BRING TWO OF HIS CANADIAN VESSELS INTO THE STATE OF ALASKA.

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THIS LETTER STATED IN PART QUOTE AS THE VESSELS WERE ABOUT TO LEAVE, WE WERE NOTIFIED BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE STATE OF ALASKA THAT IT WAS CONTRARY TO STATE POLICY TO PERMIT THE EXPORT OF UNPROCESSED SALMON IN FOREIGN VESSELS. THIS MATTER WAS NOT PURSUED ANY FURTHER. UNQUOTE.

11/3 [REDACTED] FURTHER STATED THE INCIDENT THAT TOOK PLACE ON THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER GOT ITS START WHEN REPRESENTATIVES OF ALASKA STATE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. PAREN ASCAP CLOSE PAREN, MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH KYOKUYO HOGEI TO BRING A JAPANESE VESSEL INTO THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER TO PURCHASE SALMON FROM THE KUSKOKWIM FISHERMAN'S COOPERATIVE. HE MADE AVAILABLE A LETTER FROM [REDACTED] ASCAP, TO MITSUBISHI INTERNATIONAL, CENTRAL BUILDING, SEATTLE, AND TO KYOKUYO HOGEI, LTD., TOKYO, JAPAN, PARTS OF WHICH ARE QUOTED INFRA. IN THE CONTRACT SIGNED BETWEEN KUSKOKWIM COOPERATIVE AND THE ABOVE COMPANIES, THE FOLLOWING CONDITION WAS INCLUDED, QUOTE, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT WITH THE BLESSING OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, JAPAN'S SIDE WILL BRING A FREEZER BOAT IN THE AREA SO THAT AN EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF FREEZING

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CAN BE DONE, UNQUOTE.

A STATEMENT SIMILAR TO THIS QUOTE WAS CONTAINED
IN A LETTER TO [REDACTED] OF KUSKOKWIM FISHERMAN'S
COOPERATIVE DATED APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST FROM THE ABOVE TWO
MENTIONED COMPANIES REPRESENTING JAPAN.

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ON MAY NINE AND TEN LAST THE THEN DIRECTOR OF
INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, ALASKA,
MET WITH OFFICIALS OF KYOKUYO HOGEI COMPANY, LTD., IN TOKYO,
AND, DURING TWO MEETINGS, INFORMED OFFICIALS OF THIS COMPANY
THERE WERE SUFFICIENT DOMESTIC PROCESSORS ON THE KUSKOKWIM
RIVER TO HANDLE ALL THE SALMON TO BE TAKEN IN NINETEEN SIXTY-
EIGHT AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE COULD NOT ISSUE INVITATIONS
TO BRING THEIR VESSEL INTO BETHEL, ALASKA.

GOVERNOR HICKEL, IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH ASSOCIATION
OF PACIFIC FISHERIES, REQUESTED TO BE ADVISED IF THE ALASKAN
SALMON INDUSTRY WAS PREPARED TO PURCHASE ALL AVAILABLE SALMON
FROM ALL AREAS OF ALASKA AND IF THE SALMON INDUSTRY WAS
PREPARED TO HARVEST UP TO TWENTYFIVE PERCENT MORE THAN THE
ANTICIPATED CATCH. IN THIS COMMUNICATION, GOVERNOR HICKEL

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STATED, QUOTE I WILL NOT HESITATE TO INVITE INTO ALASKA OTHER PROCESSING FACILITIES SHOULD OUR DOMESTIC CAPABILITY PROVE TO BE INADQUATE TO HANDLE THE CATCH OF ALASKAN SALMON. UNQUOTE.

SAID IF FOREIGN VESSELS WERE ALLOWED WITHOUT LIMITATION TO ENTER THE STATE OF ALASKA TO PURCHASE UNPROCESSED SALMON, THIS WOULD ULTIMATELY FINANCIALLY RUIN THE PROCESSING COMPANIES WITHIN THE STATE OF ALASKA. IT COULD ALSO RESULT IN TREMENDOUS LOSS OF NATIVE EMPLOYMENT.

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ON MAY THIRTY LAST HE ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE KUSKOKWIM FISHERMAN'S COOPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP IN BETHEL AT WHICH A MEMBER OF THE ALASKA LEGAL SERVICE DISCUSSED THE FORMATION OF THE COOPERATIVE WITH FISHERMEN AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO JOIN. ONE OF THE POINTS PRESENTED TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS WAS THAT IF THEY JOINED THE COOPERATIVE AND MADE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE, THEY COULD THEN ATTAIN UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY BENEFITS AND SHOULD ALL JOIN AND FISH LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS SO THEY COULD DRAW UNEMPLOYMENT DURING THE WINTER.

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6. [] HAS NOTED RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES REPORTING STATE OFFICIALS BUZZED THE JAPANESE VESSEL. THE STATE OF ALASKA MADE ROUTINE FLY-BY CHECKS ON WHEREABOUTS OF JAPANESE VESSEL WHICH IS DONE IN EVERY FISHERY WITHIN THE STATE. [] CAN PERSONALLY CERTIFY THAT NO AIRCRAFT CHARTERED BY THE STATE PARTICIPATED IN HARASSING OF JAPANESE VESSEL.

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HE ALSO NOTED IN NEWSPAPER THE BURNING OF A COOPERATIVE'S COLD STORAGE PLANT IN BETHEL. HE SAID THE COOPERATIVE HAD TWO SMALL WALK IN FREEZERS, THE CAPACITY OF WHICH WAS EXTREMELY SMALL, AND THAT ALASKA WAS ATTEMPTING TO ASSIST THE COOPERATIVE IN OBTAINING FUNDS TO ENLARGE THE PLANT.

2. MITSUBISHI AND KYOKUYO HOGEI WERE IMPROPERLY LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN ALASKA. THE KUSKOKWIM FISHERMAN'S COOPERATIVE WAS ALSO IMPROPERLY LICENSED TO PROCESS SALMON AT THE BUYING STATION. THE STATE MADE PARTICULAR EFFORT AND SUCCEEDED IN GETTING THE COOPERATIVE PROPERLY LICENSED.

STATE SENATOR RAY CHRISTIANSON OF BETHEL SENT GOVERNOR HICKEL A TELEGRAM ON JUNE NINE, LAST, ADVISING THAT A MEETING

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OF FISHERMEN WITH A DELEGATION FROM ALL VILLAGES OF THE LOWER KUSKOKWIM REPRESENTED, UNANIMOUSLY VOTED AGAINST SELLING TO THE JAPANESE FREEZER SHIP AND ASKED THE GOVERNOR'S SUPPORT IN THIS DECISION. THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISH AND GAME IN THEIR REGULATORY MEETING HELD IN ANCHORAGE DURING DECEMBER, SIXTY EIGHT, PASSED A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNOR HICKEL CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT.

9. [] SAID [] TOLD HIM ON AUGUST TWO NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, "WE FEEL NOTHING BUT GOOD ABOUT THE YEAR. WE HAD A VERY GOOD SEASON. WE HAVE NO ILL FEELING TOWARDS THE GOVERNOR OR HIS STAFF." [] MITSUBISHI INTERNATIONAL, SEATTLE, TOLD HIM DURING THE FALL OF SIXTY EIGHT THAT THE KUSKOKWIM FISHERMAN'S COOPERATIVE WAS WILLING TO DROP THE SUIT AGAINST MITSUBISHI INTERNATIONAL BUT THAT ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM TO DROP IT. [] NOTED THAT THROUGHOUT THE KUSKOKWIM PROBLEM, THE FACTS WERE EXTREMELY CONFUSED AND DISTORTED DUE TO A STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO TAKE PLACE AUGUST TWO SEVEN, LAST.

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GOVERNOR HICKEL HAD A CONFERENCE WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] MITSUBISHI INTERNATIONAL,
SEATTLE, WHICH INCLUDED THE ATTORNEY, [REDACTED] THIS
CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN JUNEAU, ALASKA, AND AFTER THIS
CONFERENCE, THE JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES WENT TO BETHEL,
ALASKA, AND REFUSED TO ACCEPT FISH FROM THE KUSKOKWIM
FISHERMAN'S COOPERATIVE. HE SAID PRICES RECEIVED FROM DOMESTIC
PROCESSORS WERE EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THOSE OFFERED BY THE
JAPANESE. HE ALSO STATED IT IS HIS OPINION THAT APPROXIMATELY
NINE THOUSAND POUNDS OF SALMON BELONGING TO THE KUSKOKWIM
FISHERMAN'S COOPERATIVE WHICH BECAME SPOILED WAS DELIBERATELY
DONE TO MAKE A CASE AGAINST THE STATE. HE SAID THIS COOPERATIVE
IS THE ONLY GROUP THAT SUFFERED A LOSS FROM SPOILED FISH AND
THAT THE DELAY OF THE COOPERATIVE IN LOADING THE FISH ABOARD
PLANES MADE AVAILABLE CAUSED THE SPOILAGE.

[REDACTED] EMPHASIZED THAT IF HE THOUGHT GOVERNOR HICKEL
HAD ACTED MALICIOUSLY IN ANY WAY TOWARD NATIVE ALASKANS OR
OTHER CITIZENS OF ALASKA, HE WOULD SAY SO. HE SAID THE FACT.

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IS THAT THE GOVERNOR DID NOTHING CONCERNING THE KUSKOKWIM INCIDENT EXCEPT FOLLOW POLICY AND PROCEDURES, PROVED ECONOMICALLY SOUND IN THE PAST, WHICH HAD BEEN FOLLOWED BY PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION, SINCE ALASKA BECAME A STATE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT DURING MOST OF THIS TIME, HE HAD BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE STATE UNDER ANOTHER ADMINISTRATION. HE SAID BASED ON HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH GOVERNOR HICKEL FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS, IT HAS BEEN HIS OBSERVATION THAT HICKEL'S INTEGRITY IS ABOVE REPROACH IN EVERY RESPECT, THAT HICKEL IS UNQUESTIONABLY THE HARDEST WORKING MAN HE HAS EVER SEEN AND THAT HICKEL CONSTANTLY EMPHASIZED IN HIS DEALINGS WITH ASSOCIATES AND SUBORDINATES THAT THEY SHOULD DO WHAT IS RIGHT. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HICKEL FOR EMPLOYMENT IN A RESPONSIBLE AND HIGH GOVERNMENT POSITION.

THE ABOVE MENTIONED LETTER FROM [REDACTED] OF ASCAP TO MITSUBISHI AND [REDACTED] IS DATED FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, AND STATES IN PART AS FOLLOWS:

"AS YOU MIGHT HAVE KNOWN, ASCAP IS A NON PROFIT

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ORGANIZATION FUNDED BY THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (OEO), WASHINGTON, D.C., AND CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN THE STATE OF ALASKA OF FORMULATING AND IMPLEMENTING A VARIETY OF ANTI POVERTY, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

"OUR NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT FISHERIES COOPERATIVE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ARE ONE SUCH PROGRAM NOW BEING FORMULATED TO ASSIST THE FISHING COMMUNITIES IN WESTERN ALASKA.

"MR. [REDACTED] IS PRESENTLY IN CHARGE OF THE FORMULATION OF THIS PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THIS AGENCY..
OUR BASIC INTEREST HERE IS TO ^{PR} PROVIDE ^T WHATEVER ^{AS} DISISTANCE

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POSSIBLE TO THE REGIONS PREDOMINATELY NATIVE FISHING COMMUNITIES SO THAT THEY CAN ORGANIZE THEIR OWN COMMUNITY BASED COOPERATIVE WHICH WILL PERMIT THEM TO DRAW THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM THE FISHERIES RESOURCES.

"WE ARE PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO LEARN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR GROUP SENDING A FREEZER BOAT TO THE AREA

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WHICH INDEED IS THE ONLY PRACTICAL KEY FOR THESE FISHERY COOPERATIVES TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S SEASON BUSINESS-WISE MEANINGFUL WITH A MUCH GREATER MARGIN OF SAFETY AND SUCCESS. ONCE THE NEWLY ORGANIZED COOPERATIVES WILL HAVE EXPERIENCED A MODEST BUSINESS SUCCESS THIS SUMMER, WE WISH TO COORDINATE THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO THEM WITH OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PLAN ON CONSTRUCTING THEIR OWN SHORE BOWAD PLANTS WITH A MUCH GREATER DEGREE OF SELF RELIANCE.

"I, AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ASCAP, HEREBY SOLICIT YOUR COOPERATION WITH OUR PROGRAM AND URGE YOU TO EXPLORE FURTHER THE POSSIBILITY OF LENDING YOUR HELPING HAND TO THE COOPERATIVES, ESPECIALLY IN ASSISTING THEM WITH YOUR FREEZER MAKE DEMONSTRATION SALMON PROJECT A SUCCESS. BOAT TO ~~MAKE~~ THEIR ~~DEMONSTRATION PROJECT A SUCCESS~~. YOUR EARLY DECISION WILL BE APPRECIATED SINCE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS, AS WE ARE ALL AWARE, WILL TAKE SOME TIME AND EFFORT FOR ASCAP TO MAKE IN OBTAINING THE NECESSARY GOVERNMENTAL CLEARANCE

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INCLUDING THE STATE GOVERNOR'S CONCURRENCE.

"IT IS ALSO BEING CONSIDERED A WORTHY ATTEMPT TO BRING THE ALASKAN COOPERATIVES IN TOUCH WITH THEIR JAPANESE COUNTERPARTS WITH AN AIM TO FOSTER FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN THEM AS PART OF ASCAP'S LONG TERM OBSERVATION AND SKILL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE ALASKAN FISHERY COOPERATIVES."

INQUIRY HAS DISCLOSED THAT [REDACTED] IS PRESENTLY IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE WILL BE ON LEAVE DURING MONDAY INSTANT AND TUESDAY NEXT AND WILL THEREAFTER GO TO WASHINGTON, D.C. HE CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH THE WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE, OEO, SAN FRANCISCO, AND IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THROUGH OEO HEADQUARTERS.

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SAN FRANCISCO IMMEDIATELY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRAYTON AND DETERMINE EXTENT OF ASCAP INTEREST IN KUSKOKWIM FISHERMAN'S COOPERATIVE AND QUESTION HIM CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH ABOVE, BEARING IN MIND THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS PHASE OF INVESTIGATION IS TO RESOLVE ALLEGATIONS INDICATED IN PEARSON ARTICLE THAT GOVERNOR HICKEL'S TREATMENT CONCERNING THIS

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COOPERATIVE AND JAPANESE FREEZER SHIP WAS SHOCKING AND IMPLIES THAT HICKEL'S CONDUCT IN THIS INCIDENT MAKES IT QUESTIONABLE AS TO WHETHER HE CAN PROPERLY HANDLE THE AFFAIRS OF ALL INDIAN AND ESKIMO PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

IF [] NOT LOCATED BY SAN FRANCISCO, WILL ADVISE WFO AND ABOVE LEAD WILL BE IMMEDIATELY HANDLED BY WFO.

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SAN FRANCISCO ALSO NOTE THAT [] REPORTEDLY ATTENDING UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

THE BUREAU MAY DESIRE THAT SEATTLE INTERVIEW []
[] MITSUBISHI
INTERNATIONAL, SEATTLE, AND/OR THEIR ATTORNEY, [] FOR
INFORMATION CONCERNING CONFERENCE WITH GOVERNOR HICKEL.
THESE INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING BUREAU
AUTHORIZATION AS [] ARE UNDERSTOOD TO BE
CITIZENS OF JAPAN.

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FOR INFORMATION BUREAU, ANCHORAGE IS CONDUCTING
INTERVIEWS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF ALASKA IN EFFORT TO RESOLVE

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ALLEGATIONS AS INSTRUCTED IN BUREAU TEL DECEMBER TWO SEVEN,
LAST. FIRST AVAILABLE AIRPLANE TO BETHEL SINCE NAME OF
PERSONS TO INTERVIEW BECAME KNOWN, SCHEDULED TO LEAVE ANCHORAGE AT
THREE P.M. INSTANT, BUT DELAYED. SA WILL BE ABOARD AND FROM BETHEL
ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS WILL REQUIRE EITHER CHARTER AIRPLANE
OR CHARTER RIVER TAXI. AS DEADLINE IS PAST, DETAILED RADIOGRAM
OF INTERVIEWS WILL BE SUBMITTED AS RECEIVED.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale ✓

DATE: 1/

FROM : W. V. Cleveland WVC

SUBJECT: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL
SPECIAL INQUIRY - NIXON ADMINISTRATION

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On December 23, 1968, John D. Ehrlichman, Legal Counsel to the President-elect, requested investigation of Governor Hickel who has been designated Secretary of the Interior by Mr. Nixon.

Governor Hickel, aged 49, has been Governor of Alaska since 1966. From 1947 to 1966 he was President of Hickel Investment Company and its predecessor, Hickel Construction Corporation. Applicant-type investigation of Governor Hickel was conducted in 1957 at which time several people would not recommend Governor Hickel and described him as politically immature, untruthful, and self-seeking. Those people were reinterviewed and four persons would not recommend as they had not changed their views. Two persons did recommend, feeling that Governor Hickel was a good person. Ed. A

current allegations of favoritism in lower than normal interest rates being obtained by Governor Hickel proved to be untrue. Twenty-three persons interviewed in present investigation highly recommend. The results of our previous investigation have been furnished to Mr. Ehrlichman. Investigation is continuing concerning an allegation of misconduct concerning fish contracts between Eskimos of Alaska and a company in Japan which appeared in the New York Times on December 31, 1968.

ACTION: Attached for approval is a letter to Mr. Ehrlichman transmitting the results of our current investigation of Governor Hickel for courier delivery.

Enc. sent 1-2-68

- 1 - Miss Gandy
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Lowie

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5231) (RUC)

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and Baltimore airtel 12/30/68.

IC [] caused a search to be made
of the files of the Naval Investigative Service Headquarters
and was advised on December 31, 1968, that the files contained
no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

A review of the files of Headquarters, Office of
Special Investigations, (OSI); Department of the Air Force,
on 12/31/68, revealed OSI on 8/29/57, was requested by the
Commander, 10th Air Division (Defense), Elmendorf Air Force
Base, Alaska, to conduct an investigation as allegations
had been received that the Clark Painting and Decorating
Company, Anchorage, Alaska, had used only one coat of exterior
paint on officer type family quarters when the contract
specifications called for two coats. The contract was let
for \$22,800 to paint 45 quarters and 5 garages on 6/28/57, to
the Clark Painting and Decorating Company and was completed
on 8/27/57. The partners of the decorating company were shown
as [] and WALTER HICKEL, not further identified, and
the address of the company in 1957 was 720 Gambell Street,
Anchorage, Alaska. The file revealed investigative juris-
diction was assumed by the FBI in 1957, and was handled by
the Anchorage Office. The Bureau file number was shown as
46-30149. *File reviewed not pertinent to summary*

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The files also revealed an investigation was conducted by the FBI in 1962 in the case entitled, "Clark's Painting and Decorating Company, [REDACTED] WALTER J. HICKEL, partner, Fraud Against The Government". The Bureau file number was shown as 46-43444. With regard to the investigation in 1962, the file reflected the U.S. Air Force on 5/9/63, suspended the contracts and payments to the Clark's Painting and Decorating Company but the suspension was removed on 6/18/63. The recommendation for suspension of the contracts with the firm pointed out that WALTER J. HICKEL was not actively engaged in the management of the business. The file reflected no further action taken by the Air Force against the company at the conclusion of the investigation conducted by the FBI. The file failed to reflect that HICKEL was ever interviewed with regard to the 1957 investigation or the 1962 investigation. No additional pertinent information was contained in the OSI files.

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TO SAC ANCHORAGE
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED DECEMBER
TWENTYSEVEN, LAST.

ANCHORAGE SHOULD EXPEDITE REMAINING INVESTIGATION IN YOUR
DIVISION. ANCHORAGE SHOULD RECHECK RECORDS OF ANCHORAGE POLICE
DEPARTMENT CONCERNING [REDACTED] AND OBTAIN DETAILS
OF DATES, CITATIONS OR CHARGES, AND DISPOSITION OF EACH OF THE
SEVEN REFERENCES IN THAT FILE.

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TO DIRECTOR & ANCHORAGE (77-864) PLAINTEXT
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (161-1267) (RUC) 5P

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED PAST

RE ANCHORAGE TELS DECEMBER THIRTYONE LAST.

RURAL ALASKAN

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, FORMERLY ASCAP, ADVISED ON JANUARY TWO INSTANT THAT HE HAS KNOWN HICKEL SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYSIX THROUGH REPUBLICAN PARTY ACTIVITIES AND STATED THAT HE WAS AN UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR THE ALASKAN STATE SENATE ON THE REPUBLICAN TICKET IN THE LAST ELECTION WHEN HICKEL WAS ELECTED GOVERNOR. HE PREFACED HIS REMARKS BY SAYING HE WAS DEFINITELY BIASED AGAINST HICKEL BECAUSE HE DOES NOT FEEL THAT HICKEL HAS THE TRUE INTERESTS OF THE ALASKAN NATIVES AT HEART. HE SAID THE ENTIRE NATURAL RESOURCES PICTURE IN ALASKA IS VERY COMPLICATED AND THE BIG BUSINESS INTERESTS ARE EXTREMELY

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INFLUENTIAL AND OFTEN INIMICAL TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE NATIVES. IN THIS PICTURE [REDACTED] PLACES HICKEL ON THE SIDE OF BIG BUSINESS, ALTHOUGH HE STATES HE MAY BE HEARD TO SPEAK, BUT NOT ACT FOR THE NATIVES OF ALASKA. HE SAID FOR THIS REASON HE WOULD NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES RECOMMEND HICKEL FOR ANY POSITION, PARTICULARLY THAT OF THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR, INVOLVING THE INTERESTS OF THE ALASKAN AND INDIAN PEOPLE. HE DESCRIBED HICKEL AS "IMPERIALISTIC AND PATERNALISTIC." [REDACTED] SAID THAT HICKEL HAD CRITICIZED THE ASCAP PROGRAM BECAUSE COMMITTEES WERE TRAVELING FROM PLACE TO PLACE IN ALASKA AND SAID THAT THIS WAS WASTEFUL AND THAT HE, GOVERNOR, COULD MAKE DECISIONS FOR THE NATIVES RATHER THAN SUBMITTING THE QUESTIONS TO THE NATIVE ALASKANS AND ESKIMOS FOR DECISION.

[REDACTED] STATED THIS IS HARD TO JUSTIFY IN OUR DEMOCRATIC AND PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM. HE SAID IT IS HIS OPINION THAT HICKEL FEELS THAT THE COOPERATIVE IS ENABLING THE NATIVES TO POOL THEIR EFFORTS AND BECOME A POWER BLOC IN THE STATE.

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[] CHARACTERIZED THE PEARSON ARTICLE CRITICIZING HICKEL AS "GROSS EXAGGERATION." HE SAID THERE WAS NO "BUZZING" OF JAPANESE SHIPS. HE SAID FLIGHTS OVER JAPANESE SHIPS WERE ROUTINE AND ENTIRELY LEGAL AND WERE NOT HARASSING IN ANYWAY. HE SAID THE BOARDING OF THE JAPANESE SHIPS WAS ATTEMPTED, BUT WAS ABANDONED ON ADVISE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THAT THE MATTER WAS CONDUCTED UNDER ENTIRELY LEGAL CIRCUMSTANCES. HE STATED ALSO THAT THE BURNING OF THE COAL STORAGE PLANT AT BETHEL WAS PROBABLY ARSON, BUT WOULD PROBABLY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVE.

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[] SAID THAT THE INTERESTS OF ASCAP, WHICH HE STATED IS FUNDED BY MONIES FROM OEO AND IS NOW CALLED RURAL ALASKAN COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (RACAP), WAS SOLICITED TO TRY TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF THE NATIVE FISHERMEN IN THE KUSKIKWIM RIVER AREA. ASCAP ASSISTED IN THE FORM OF ORGANIZING A COOPERATIVE AND, ACCORDING TO [] THE PURPOSE WAS TO ULTIMATELY PRODUCE A PROGRAM THAT WOULD PROVIDE NATIVE FISHERMEN WITH YEAR ROUND INCOME AND THEREBY REDUCE THE RELIEF ROLLS. HE SAID THAT SOME OF THE RESENTMENT TO THIS PROJECT RESULTS FROM

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FEAR BY THE BIG FISH PROCESSORS THAT COMPETITION PROVIDED FROM THE COOPERATIVE WILL BE DAMAGING. [] POINTED OUT THAT THE ANNUAL INCOME RESULTING FROM THE COOPERATIVE WILL BE AN INSIGNIFICANT FRACTION OF THE ENTIRE FISHING INDUSTRY. HE STATED THE ALLEGATION THAT INDISCRIMINATE PURCHASING OF SALMON BY FOREIGN VESSELS WOULD RUIN THE PROCESSING COMPANIES OF ALASKA IS EXTREMELY FARFETCHED AND THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE KUSKOKWIM COOPERATIVE WERE QUITE LIMITED. [] SAID HE DISAGREED WITH THE DECISION NOT TO SELL FISH TO THE MITSUBISHI AND THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS WERE REALLY MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FISHERMEN AND THAT MITSUBISHI WAS WILLING TO PAY THE COMPETITIVE PRICE. HE SAID THE ADVANTAG^E TO THE FISHERMEN WAS THAT THE MITSUBISHI PEOPLE WOULD TAKE THE ENTIRE CATCH FROM THE FISHERMEN WHILE THE LOCAL PEOPLE WOULD EXCEPT ONLY PRIME FISH AND WOULD REFUSE ANY FISH BRUISED OR MARKED. [] STATED THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THE ENTIRE CATCH WAS A GREAT FINANCIAL ADVANTAGE TO THE FISHERMEN. [] SAID HIS OPINION OF THE WHOLE AFFAIR WAS THAT IT WAS BLOWN QUITE A BIT OUT OF

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PROPORTION. HE SAID THAT ¹IS HIS OPINION THAT HICKEL HAS INTERFERRED WITH INTERSTATE COMMERCE AND WAS IN SERIOUS VIOLATION IN INTERFERRING WITH ALASKA'S FISHING INDUSTRY. HE SAID HE DOES NOT FEEL THAT HICKEL HAS PROFITED FINANCIALLY IN ANYWAY IN THESE MATTERS, BUT FELT THAT HE HAS RECEIVED POLITICAL BENEFITS. [] SAID THE "NEW YORK TIMES" FOR DECEMBER THIRTYONE LAST CARRIES AN EXTENSIVE ARTICLE BY KENWORTHY ON HICKEL AND THE FISHERIES AND THE COOPERATIVE AND ALSO WITHIN THE LAST TEN DAYS CONTAINED AN EDITORIAL ARTICLE ON HICKEL. [] STATED THAT HE RECOMMENDED THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS BE INTERVIEWED: [] ALASKAN LEGAL SERVICES, ANCHORAGE; [] "ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS," ANCHORAGE; JOHN RADER, ATTORNEY AND STATE SENATOR, ANCHORAGE; [] OF LABOR, JUNEAU; AND RAY CHRISTIANSEN, STATE SENATOR, BETHEL.

[] SAID THAT SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE PRO-HICKEL AND SOME WILL BE ADVERSE, BUT STATED THAT ALL OF THESE MEN ARE KNOWLEDGABLE AND WILL GIVE AN HONEST AND STRAIGHT FORWARD PICTURE OF THE ALASKAN FISHING SITUATION IN GENERAL AND THE COOPERATIVE AND MITSUBISHI AFFAIRS IN PARTICULAR.

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TO DIRECTOR AND HONOLULU (PLAINTEXT)
FROM ANCHORAGE (77-867)

MR. CLEVELAND
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WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL; SI. BUDED PAST.

RE HONOLULU TELETYPE DATED DECEMBER TWO EIGHT LAST.

[REDACTED] HAS NOT BEEN ADVISED BY

[REDACTED] OF ANY CHANGE IN PLANS. [REDACTED] MAY CONTACT THE

FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHILE IN HONOLULU:

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[REDACTED] IN HONOLULU, WHO WILL BE LISTED
IN YELLOW PAGES.

[REDACTED] WHO RESIDES ON ISLAND OF MAUI IN TOWN
OF KULA, TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED]

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ANCHORAGE VIA WASHINGTON

FROM HONOLULU (161-165)

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL; SI. BUDED PAST.

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TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)

FROM ANCHORAGE (77-867) 6P

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED PAST
RE ANCHORAGE RADIOGRAMS DECEMBER THIRTY ONE LAST.

ON DECEMBER THIRTY ONE LAST [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION,

(ALSC), ADVISED THAT GOVERNOR HICKEL HAD WRITTEN LETTERS TO
THE KUSKOKWIM FISHERMEN COOPERATIVE, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS
COOP, AND TO MITSUBISHI INTERNATIONAL ADVISING THAT A JAPANESE
FREEZER SHIP WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE KUSKOKWIM
AREA TO BUY SALMON FROM COOP. HE SAID GOVERNOR HICKEL SENT
REPRESENTATIVES TO BETHEL, ALASKA, CONCERNING INCIDENT ARISING
WHEN JAPANESE FISHING SHIP APPEARED IN THE AREA AND THESE
REPRESENTATIVES BECAME KNOWN AS "TASK FORCE". [REDACTED] WAS
NOT PRESENT ON THE SCENE DURING INCIDENT, BUT HE AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALSO, SENT TWO REPRESENTATIVES

OF ALSC TO BETHEL, ALASKA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBSERVING ACTIVITIES
OF THE TASK FORCE AND KEEPING HIM AND [REDACTED] ADVISED OF WHAT TASK
FORCE WAS ACTUALLY DOING INASMUCH AS THEY COULD NOT RECORD NEWSPAPER
STORIES. ALSO DESIRED FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF TASK FORCE

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ACTIVITIES AT BETHEL BECAUSE ALSC, AS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF COOP, HAD AN INJUNCTIVE REQUEST PENDING IN FEDERAL COURT AGAINST HICKEL TO RESTRAIN HICKEL FROM INTERFERENCE. THE ALSC REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SCENE AT BETHEL DURING KUSKOKWIM INCIDENT WERE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WITH ALSC.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT ON MAY THIRTY LAST HE HAD ATTENDED AN OPEN MEETING OF THE COOP IN BETHEL WHICH INCLUDED PEOPLE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE COOP. HE HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING BY [REDACTED] FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING LEGAL ADVISE TO [REDACTED] AS NEEDED. THIS WAS HIS FIRST PERSONAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE COOP AND HE SPOKE THROUGH AN INTERPRETER AS GREAT MAJORITY OF COOP MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. HE EXPLAINED TO COOP MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES AS BEST HE COULD IN AS SIMPLIFIED FORM AS POSSIBLE WHAT IT MEANT TO JOIN COOP AND ENCOURAGED THE FISHERMEN TO JOIN BECAUSE REGARDED COOP AS WORTHY PROJECT. ONE OF THINGS HE EXPLAINED WAS THAT THE FISHERMEN MUST DECIDE IF THEY WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER OR AN EMPLOYEE AND EXPLAINED THE

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ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF EACH POSITION. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AMONG THE FISHERMEN CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE WERE PRESENT AT THIS COOP MEETING. HE DID NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND, PRIOR TO ATTENDING MEETING, HAD ASKED THE BETHEL REPRESENTATIVE OF ALASKA STATE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE REGARDING REGULATIONS CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. DURING THE COOP MEETING HE RECALLS DISCUSSING THE UNEMPLOYMENT REGULATIONS, BENEFITS, AND WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED OF A COOP EMPLOYEE TO QUALIFY FOR SUCH BENEFITS. HE DOES NOT RECALL MENTIONING THE AMOUNT THAT A FISHERMAN MUST EARN TO QUALIFY, BUT MAY HAVE DONE SO.

FURTHER STATED THAT HE HAS INSTRUCTED THE TWO ALSO REPRESENTATIVES WHO WERE PRESENT AT BETHEL DURING PART OF THE KUSKOKWIM INCIDENT, NOT TO FURNISH INFORMATION TO THE FBI UNLESS HE IS PRESENT. HE ISSUED THESE INSTRUCTIONS BECAUSE OF THE LAWYER DASH CLIENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ALSO AND THE COOP WHICH CURRENTLY HAS A BREACH OF CONTRACT SUIT PENDING AGAINST MITSUBISHI INTERNATIONAL. HE ALLEGED THAT

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ANY INFORMATION THE TWO ALSC REPRESENTATIVES OBTAINED WHILE AT BETHEL DURING THE INCIDENT WOULD HAVE BEEN GAINED IN PURSUANCE OF THE LAWYER DASH CLIENT RELATIONSHIP; THAT THEY ARE SUBORDINATES AND ANY INTERVIEW INVOLVING THE INCIDENT WOULD CONCERN INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THEM WHILE EMPLOYED BY ALSC. [] CLAIMED NO DESIRE TO OBSTRUCT FBI INVESTIGATION.

[] THEN CALLED HIS SUPERVISOR, [] AND ADVISED FBI AGENTS THAT [] INSTRUCTED THAT BOTH [] AND [] BE PRESENT DURING ANY FBI INTERVIEWS OF [] AND []

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ON DECEMBER THIRTY ONE LAST []

[] ALSC, WAS AGAIN CONTACTED AND ADVISED BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION OF HICKEL WAS BEING CONDUCTED FOR HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICE AND INQUIRY WAS BEING MADE TO RESOLVE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST GOVERNOR HICKEL WHICH IMPLIED HICKEL NOT QUALIFIED TO HANDLE HIGH GOVERNMENT POSITION INVOLVING INDIANS AND ESKIMOS, AND CITED AS EXAMPLE THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER INCIDENT.

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IT WAS AGAIN EXPLAINED TO [] THAT THE FBI WAS NOT

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INVESTIGATING ALSC AND INFORMATION FURNISHED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF ALSC WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL. [] STATED HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THIS AND ADDED THAT HE HAS INSTRUCTED [] AND [] NOT TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION TO THE FBI UNLESS BOTH HE [] AND [] ARE PRESENT DURING THE INTERVIEWS. [] EXPLAINED HIS REASON FOR THIS INSTRUCTION IS THAT BOTH HE AND [] SHARE JOINT RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT OF COOP AFFAIRS AND, INASMUCH AS BOTH [] AND [] HAVE BEEN OUT OF LAW SCHOOL LESS THAN TWO YEARS, HE DOES NOT HAVE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY TO DETECT, IN ALL AREAS, THE REQUIREMENTS OF CONFIDENTIALITY IMPOSED BY THE CLIENT ATTORNEY RELATIONSHIP. HE ADDED THAT ANY INQUIRY OF [] AND [] BY THE FBI CONCERNING THE KUSKOKWIM INCIDENT WOULD OBVIOUSLY CONCERN AFFAIRS OF THE ALSC CLIENT, THE COOP, WHICH CLIENT HAD BECOME INVOLVED IN A CONFLICT WITH THE ALASKA STATE GOVERNOR.

[] VOLUNTEERED DURING THIS CONTACT THAT AFTER BEING CONTACTED BY THE FBI ON DECEMBER THIRTY LAST, HE HAD

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TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED [] AND INSTRUCTED []
THAT IT WAS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF HIS CLIENT, THE COOP,
THAT [] NOT DISCUSS ANYTHING WITH THE FBI WITHOUT AN ATTORNEY
FOR COOP BEING PRESENT. [] SAID [] HAS A FIDUCIARY
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COOP WHICH IMPOSES UPON [] NOT TO
REVEAL, WITHOUT GOOD REASON OR COURT ORDER, ANY INFORMATION
ABOUT HIS EMPLOYER, THE COOP, THAT MIGHT BE DAMAGING TO THE
COOP. [] ADDED THAT [] IS EXPECTED IN ANCHORAGE
AROUND JANUARY SEVEN NEXT AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW
OF []

ON DECEMBER THIRTY ONE LAST A SPECIAL AGENT OF
THE FBI IN BETHEL, ALASKA, ATTEMPTED INTERVIEW WITH
[] AND WAS INFORMED THAT [] WOULD NOT CONSENT TO
ANY INTERVIEW BY THE FBI UNLESS HIS []
WAS PRESENT DURING THE INTERVIEW.

NO ADDITIONAL ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO INTERVIEW

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1 - Miss Gandy
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January 2, 1969

FOR COURIER DELIVERY

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Legal Counsel to
President-elect Nixon
Hotel Pierre
Fifth Avenue and East 61st Street
New York, New York 10021

Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

In accordance with a request received from you on December 23, 1968, an investigation has been conducted regarding Governor Walter Joseph Hickel. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

A previous applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Governor Hickel during 1957, the results of which have previously been furnished to you. The enclosed summary memorandum covers the period since March, 1957.

Also enclosed is an Internal Revenue Service report dated December 27, 1968, concerning Governor Hickel.

Information has been received from two governmental agencies* indicating checks of their files concerning Governor Hickel have not been completed. When the results of these checks are received, you will be advised.

Additional investigation is being conducted in Alaska regarding Governor Hickel, the results of which will be furnished you as quickly as possible.

The investigation of Governor Hickel covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, ability, and general standing, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

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Sincerely yours,

* Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force
Naval Investigative Service, Naval Intelligence Command

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NOTE: See memorandum Cleveland to Gale, captioned "WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL, SPECIAL INQUIRY, NIXON ADMINISTRATION, dated 1/2/69.

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January 2, 1969

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL

The information in this summary memorandum covers the period since March, 1957. Governor Hickel was born on August 18, 1919, in Claflin, Kansas.

Employment

Governor Hickel was President of the Hickel Investment Company, Anchorage, Alaska, and its predecessor, the Hickel Construction Corporation, Anchorage, Alaska, from 1947 to 1966. The Hickel Investment Company owns the Travelers Inn of Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, and the Alaskan Plumbing and Heating Company, Incorporated; the Hotel Parsons; the Mountain View Shopping Center; and the Northland Pipe and Supply Company, Incorporated, all of Anchorage, Alaska.

Since 1966 he has been Governor of Alaska. Governor Hickel has been designated Secretary of the Interior by President-elect Nixon.

Marital Status

Governor Hickel presently resides in the Governor's Mansion, Juneau, Alaska, with his wife, Ermalee Strutz Hickel, and their two sons, [REDACTED]

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Interviews

Ernest Gruening, United States Senator from Alaska, was interviewed in Saint Croix, Virgin Islands. He advised he is not a personal friend of Governor Hickel's although he has known Governor Hickel for over 20 years. He said that for the past two years their association has been very close. He stated Governor Hickel is a thoroughly conscientious and loyal American

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citizen, and Governor Hickel enjoys a good reputation for honesty, sobriety, trustworthiness, and discretion. He advised he knows nothing unfavorable concerning any phase of Governor Hickel's life whether personal, business, or political. He said Governor Hickel's outstanding successes in business and politics are indications of his great administrative and other abilities. He advised Governor Hickel would make an excellent Secretary of the Interior, and he recommended him without reservation for that position.

Theodore Stevens, United States Senator from Alaska, was interviewed in Washington, D. C. He stated he has known Governor Hickel since 1950 as a close personal and professional associate. He advised Governor Hickel is a loyal American citizen of unquestionable personal and professional ethics. He stated Governor Hickel has always maintained a good reputation. He recommended Governor Hickel without hesitation to any position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government, stating there is no question concerning Governor Hickel's suitability for the highest governmental position.

Howard W. Pollock, United States Representative from Alaska, was interviewed in Anchorage, Alaska. He said he has known Governor Hickel for 17 years. He described him as a dependable, trustworthy, conscientious, and industrious person. He advised Governor Hickel has become a man of wealth through his construction and development business, and he has never heard anything unfavorable concerning Governor Hickel's financial endeavors in Alaska. He advised Governor Hickel is a very intelligent and dynamic person who has given unselfishly of his time to improve the health and welfare of the State of Alaska. He stated Governor Hickel's selection as the Secretary of the Department of the Interior is excellent, and he recommended Governor Hickel for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

[redacted] Hickel Investment Company, Anchorage, Alaska, advised Governor Hickel and his family are very active in community affairs and are very active in their church. He described Governor Hickel as a very honest and conscientious person who has the reputation of being very aggressive to accomplish something worthwhile.

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He said Governor Hickel is a highly successful businessman who has performed very well as the Governor of Alaska. He stated the Hickel Investment Company is a highly reputable organization which is operated profitably and all dealings and operations have been highly ethical. He highly recommended Governor Hickel for the Secretary of the Interior or any other high governmental position.

[redacted] Anchorage, Alaska, advised he handles all the legal matters for the Hickel Investment Company. Mr. [redacted] described Governor Hickel as a very dynamic, extremely intelligent, "not too polished" individual who has a tendency to act rapidly on decisions without giving them a lot of thought. He said Governor Hickel sizes up a situation in a hurry and moves forward to accomplish a goal, contributing all his energy to the task. He said Governor Hickel is a loyal American and he knows of no reason to question his character or associates. He stated Governor Hickel is an excellent family man and both Governor Hickel and his family are held in the highest esteem in the Anchorage community. He added Governor Hickel is capable of handling a position of the highest trust with the United States Government, and he recommended him without reservation.

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[redacted] Stewart-Grindle, Incorporated, Anchorage, Alaska, advised he first met Governor Hickel about six years ago. Mr. [redacted] said he is also in the building industry and he knows Governor Hickel to have the highest reputation as a builder and businessman in the Anchorage community. Mr. [redacted] described Governor Hickel as a stubborn, bullheaded, egotistical person for whom he has the highest regard. He said Governor Hickel is a loyal American citizen and he knows of no reason to question Governor Hickel's character, reputation, or associates. He recommended Governor Hickel for a high position of trust with the United States Government.

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[redacted] Selective Service System, Anchorage, Alaska, advised she has known Governor and Mrs. Hickel for approximately 20 years. She described Governor Hickel as a very aggressive person who always desires to improve himself both socially and economically in an honest manner. She said Governor Hickel has been a very

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successful businessman and he has been the subject of some criticism by people who have been associated with him primarily resulting because of jealousy concerning the outstanding success of Governor Hickel. She said Governor Hickel is very forthright and will not hesitate to state his feelings regarding any matter regardless of personal considerations, political motivations, or the feelings of others. She said Governor Hickel is a "tremendous visionary" who looks far ahead and plans for the future. She said that because of his tendency to be outspoken he will probably be the subject of considerable criticism in connection with his Government employment. She advised Governor Hickel is the type of person who will listen and gain from constructive criticism, but he will not be swayed by criticism unless he feels the criticism is just. She stated she is aware that Governor Hickel has been designated Secretary of the Interior and she highly recommends him for that position.

[redacted] Anchorage, Alaska, described Governor Hickel as a dynamic, talented, energetic, and successful person. He advised Governor Hickel is an honest person, a devoted family man, and a person of good character. Dr. [redacted] said he is not personally fond of Governor Hickel, although he has been in frequent social contact with him and he has treated Governor Hickel and his family medically. Dr. [redacted] said he is a member of a political party in opposition to Governor Hickel's party. He said Governor Hickel is politically ambitious, and in the opinion of Dr. [redacted] Governor Hickel is politically ruthless. He illustrated this by saying Governor Hickel, immediately after his election, terminated all the Democrats in office and replaced them with Republicans. Dr. [redacted] stated Governor Hickel is an immature statesman at this time. He explained by saying Governor Hickel has a tendency to jump into a situation in spite of counseling to the contrary by professional people with whom he associates or has on his staff. Dr. [redacted] stated he would decline to make a recommendation of Governor Hickel for any position of trust in the United States Government as he does not feel Governor Hickel is, at this time, mature enough to handle a

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position of trust. He added he is concerned that Governor Hickel might be influenced by his prominent circle of friends who represent the many and varied interests in the State of Alaska.

[redacted] Anchorage, Alaska, advised she was interviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI in 1957, at which time Governor Hickel was being considered for the position of Governor, Territory of Alaska. She stated that since that interview she has had no personal or telephonic contact with Governor Hickel or members of his family. She advised her views regarding Governor Hickel have not changed. She said that in 1965 she directed a registered letter to Governor Hickel concerning the \$500 bond matter previously described by her in her 1957 interview. She said the return receipt card was returned to her and, therefore, she is aware Governor Hickel received her letter. She said he has never answered that letter and she never pursued the matter any further. She stated that in view of this, she would not recommend Governor Hickel for any position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted] Harbor House Restaurant, Anchorage, Alaska, stated he considers Governor Hickel to be a "supreme egotist." He explained that he rented a house for nine months in 1962-1963 from Governor Hickel's company. He said that after he moved out one of Governor Hickel's "stooges" came by his place of business saying he owed back rent. He said he produced receipts showing he had paid seven months' rent but could not produce two of the receipts. He advised this individual instructed him to pay two months' rent, which he did pay. He advised he also considers Governor Hickel to be a "pathological liar." He explained he went to the political party convention when Governor Hickel was running for Governor of Alaska and Governor Hickel said he was not using the Governor's office as a "stepping stone" but intended to serve a full term. Mr. [redacted] advised that because Governor Hickel has now been designated Secretary of the Interior it is obvious he had lied about serving a full term. Mr. [redacted] added that for these reasons he could not recommend Governor Hickel for the position of Secretary of the Interior.

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[redacted] Fairbanks, Alaska, advised that several years ago she invested some money in the building of the Travelers Inn, Fairbanks, Alaska. She stated Governor Hickel paid her back in a satisfactory manner. She advised that since that time she has had only social contact with Governor Hickel. She stated Governor Hickel is, in her opinion, ruthless and out for his own self-interests. She advised this was a personal feeling and she was unable to cite any instances to substantiate this feeling, except that Governor Hickel had to fight for everything he has acquired. She also advised Governor Hickel was sued by the United States Government for income taxes about three years ago. She said she would hesitate to recommend Governor Hickel for the position of Secretary of the Interior because she still feels as she did several years ago, that Governor Hickel would put party loyalty ahead of the best interests of the Government. She said she also considers Governor Hickel to be an impulsive person and a person who does not think too far ahead. She added, however, that as Secretary of the Interior Governor Hickel may be very good for Alaska.

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[redacted] "Fairbanks Daily News-Miner," a newspaper published in Fairbanks, Alaska, advised he has known Governor Hickel for approximately 15 years. He described Governor Hickel as an honest, intelligent, and very capable person and a dedicated public servant. He said Governor Hickel's character, loyalty, associates, and integrity are above reproach. He said he felt several years ago that Governor Hickel would have had some difficulty dealing with people because of a lack of tact; however, he has improved in this regard and this problem no longer exists. He advised Governor Hickel thinks very quickly and has the capacity to recognize problems and to approach their solution in a very well-organized manner. He said he believes Governor Hickel has done an excellent job as Governor of Alaska and he recommended Governor Hickel very highly for a top-level executive position in the United States Government.

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[redacted] Edmonds, Washington, who was interviewed during the 1957 investigation, currently advised he is retired as United States Marshal, Fairbanks, Alaska. Mr. [redacted] said that, although he does not agree with Governor Hickel, it was unfortunate he used any language that during the 1957 interview which may have been interpreted as unfavorable toward Governor Hickel. Mr. [redacted] advised he does not recall any remarks he made, but he would stand by any statement he had previously made. He said he did not

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intend to imply anything unfavorable or uncomplimentary, even though they did not agree on the personalities mentioned for appointments. He said he felt Governor Hickel had matured a lot since that time. He said he believes Governor Hickel has done more for Alaska than any other governor and he believes the designation of Governor Hickel as Secretary of the Interior is "one of the best things for Alaska." He advised he knows of no reason to question Governor Hickel's character, loyalty, reputation, or associates, and he considers the appointment of Governor Hickel as Secretary of the Interior an excellent appointment.

A source, who requested anonymity, advised he has known Governor Hickel for a number of years as a fellow businessman, member of the community, and as Governor of Alaska. He stated he would not comment concerning Governor Hickel, except to suggest a business transaction involving the Hickel Investment Company and an insurance company should be investigated. He advised that, while Governor Hickel was Governor of Alaska, certain properties of the Hickel Investment Company were refinanced by the insurance company at an interest rate below the prime rate, and this insurance company also insures the employees of the State of Alaska and the transaction took place at the same time the insurance company policy of the State of Alaska employees was rewritten. He further advised he received information from another individual that Governor Hickel had purchased property and a highway south of Anchorage would be redesigned and rerouted to pass this property and thereby increase its value. He advised that the person who furnished this information was under the influence of alcohol at the time the statement was made.

Another person,* who requested anonymity, advised he has known Governor Hickel for over 25 years. He stated he would "swear by Governor Hickel all the way." He described Governor Hickel as an intelligent, industrious, honest, and ethical person. This person advised that in January, 1966, he purchased a plot of land south of Anchorage, Alaska, on Stewart Highway. He stated that soon after the purchase he contacted the Alaska State Department of Highways concerning the routing of the new superhighway which would connect with the Stewart Highway. He advised the State of Alaska, prior to

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Anchorage, Alaska

Company,

[redacted]
Alaska

Alaska Cleaners, Anchorage,

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August, 1968, had decided on the route and it was public knowledge as condemnation proceedings had started for the right of way. He advised that on November 1, 1968, the Hickel Investment Company took an option to purchase some of the land long after the route of the proposed superhighway was made public and the value of the land had increased.

A source*, who requested anonymity and who is employed by the insurance company, mentioned previously, advised mortgage loans to the Hickel Investment Company were made in June, 1966, (revised in November, 1966,) and November, 1968, at the "going" rate of interest in Anchorage, Alaska, at the time of the loan. He said the interest rates charged are determined in the Seattle, Washington, office and are forwarded to the home office in New York, New York, for approval on all commercial loans. A policy on employees of the State of Alaska was written on July 1, 1960, and, although a number of amendments of the rates and the benefits were made to the policy, only one such amendment on July 1, 1967, was made during the time Governor Hickel was in office. At that time it was decided to decrease the benefits to the State employees rather than increase the rates. He added the insurance policy expired on August 1, 1968.

[redacted] Hickel Investment Company, Anchorage, Alaska, advised Governor Hickel turned the Hickel Investment Company into a trusteeship when he was elected Governor of Alaska, and the trusteeship will continue when Governor Hickel is employed as an official of the United States Government. He said this procedure was done to prevent any conflict of interest while he was serving as Governor of Alaska. He described Governor Hickel as completely honest, reliable, and trustworthy. He advised Governor Hickel is a loyal American and his character and reputation are above reproach. He said Governor Hickel is a very dynamic and conscientious person and he is not afraid to make a decision, even if the decision is not popular, if Governor Hickel feels that such a decision is for the best interests of the country. He advised that loans had been made with a New York insurance company concerning some of the properties of the Hickel Investment Company, and the interest rates were the market rate at the time of the loan. He advised the last loan was

[redacted] New York Life Insurance Company, Seattle, Washington

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made on November 25, 1968, and the interest rate was eight percent per annum which is the maximum allowed under Alaska law. He highly recommended Governor Hickel for the position of Secretary of the Interior.

Enclosed are copies of an article by Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson which appeared on December 27, 1968, in "The Washington Post," a newspaper published in Washington, D. C., captioned "Alaskan Hickel No Pal of Eskimos" and an article from "The New York Times," a newspaper published in New York City, dated December 31, 1968, captioned "Hickel Faces Fish Co-op Inquiry," which articles contain comments concerning Governor Hickel.

Fifteen additional persons were interviewed, including business associates, state employees, social acquaintances, and members of both major political parties. They advised they know of no reason to question Governor Hickel's character, reputation, loyalty, or associates. He was described as an intelligent, industrious, trustworthy, and conscientious person. He was also described as a very strong-minded and expressive person and a person who would give his true opinions and make decisions without regard to personal considerations or political motivations. They said Governor Hickel will generally make decisions after consulting with others, but he is a person who will make an immediate decision without hesitation when the situation requires such a decision. Those persons who are acquainted with other members of Governor Hickel's family stated they are excellent persons of good reputation. They highly recommended Governor Hickel for Secretary of the Interior.

Close Relatives

Governor Hickel has the following close relatives in addition to his wife and sons, Joseph and Karl, mentioned previously:

Father

Robert A. Hickel
deceased

Mother

Emma Hickel
deceased

Walter Joseph Hickel

Brother

[REDACTED]
Federal Way, Washington

Brother

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Alaska

Brother

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Sister

[REDACTED]
Wichita, Kansas

Sister

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Wichita, Kansas

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Wichita, Kansas

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[REDACTED]
Clarlin, Kansas

Sister

[REDACTED]
Great Bend, Kansas

Sister

[REDACTED]
Littleton, Colorado

Son

[REDACTED]
Portland, Oregon

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Santa Clara, California

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Son

[REDACTED]
College, Alaska

Son

[REDACTED]
San Francisco, California

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Passport Record

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., indicate Governor Hickel was issued passports on March 22, 1961, for business travel to Tahiti, and on August 17, 1967, for travel to Japan. These records contain no derogatory information concerning him.

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting and law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Governor Hickel or his close relatives, except as follows:

The records of the Anchorage Credit Bureau, Anchorage, Alaska, indicate four suits were filed against the Hickel Investment Company, Anchorage, Alaska. T. H. Wessels, Jr., filed suit for personal injury on February 21, 1961, and there is no disposition of this case listed. Glenn and Judith Pratt filed a suit for money on May 7, 1964, and no disposition of this case is listed. York Steel Company filed a lien on March 10, 1965, in the amount of \$46,997.15, and the lien was removed on June 16, 1965. A personal injury suit was filed in May, 1968, by Emogene Erskine and no disposition of the case is listed.

The records of the Wichita Credit Bureau, Wichita, Kansas, indicate [REDACTED]

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The records of the Police Department, Anchorage, Alaska, indicate traffic citations as follows:

On March 27, 1962, Governor Hickel was served with a warrant for failure to appear for a parking violation and posted \$8 bail, which bail was forfeited on March 28, 1962. On February 19, 1963; September 16, 1964; December 26, 1966; and January 17, 1967, vehicle accidents occurred wherein Governor Hickel was the registered owner of the vehicle but was not personally involved in the accidents.

On July 13, 1952, Mrs. Walter J. (Ermalee) Hickel, Governor Hickel's wife, was served with a warrant for parking violations and \$20 bail was paid the same day. The bail was forfeited on July 14, 1952. On June 2, 1964, Mrs. Hickel was the registered owner and driver of a vehicle involved in an automobile accident but was not charged concerning the accident.



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The files of the Records and Identification and
Driver License Bureau, Alaska State State
Troopers, Juneau, Alaska, indicate that
Governor Hickel received five traffic
citations between 1957 and 1965, for which
he paid fines up to \$20.



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Miscellaneous

An investigation was conducted during 1962 by the FBI concerning [redacted] and Walter J. Hickel, partners, trading as Clark's Painting and Decorating Company, Anchorage, Alaska, for alleged use of latex base paints on Government contract when contract called for use of oil base paint.

[redacted] furnished a signed statement advising the use of latex base paint was discontinued when it was learned the United States Air Force would not approve of the use of the latex base paint. [redacted] also stated Governor Hickel did not actively participate in the management of the firm. This matter was presented to the Grand Jury in Anchorage, Alaska, on November 4, 1963, and a "no true bill" was returned.

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Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Governor Hickel:

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Bureau of Personnel Investigations,
Civil Service Commission; House
Committee on Un-American Activities;
United States Secret Service; and
the White House Office.

The central files of the FBI, including the files
of the Identification Division, contain no additional
pertinent information concerning Governor Hickel.

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Hickel Faces Fish Co-op Inquiry

Senators Will Study Alaskan's Action in Eskimo Case

By E. W. KENWORTHY

Special to The New York Times

ANCHORAGE, Dec. 29—Informed Alaskans now expect that their Governor, Walter J. Hickel, who is Secretary of the Interior-designate, will probably be questioned more intensively during Senate confirmation hearings than any other of President-elect Richard M. Nixon's Cabinet choices.

Considerable regret is voiced here about this, even by Democrats and newspapers that opposed Mr. Hickel, for Alaskans very much want an Alaskan as Secretary of Interior. And generally Mr. Hickel, an aggressive, confident, can-do man, is regarded as an improvement on his Democratic predecessor, William A. Egan.

On the other hand, it is recognized that Mr. Hickel has made himself a potential target for some tough questioning by the Senate Interior Committee. This is because of his close associations with oil interests and his appointments of men connected with the oil industry because of some off-the-cuff remarks on conservation and pollution, and finally because of conflicting statements on the big issue of Eskimo and Indian claims that have left Eskimo and Indian leaders wondering if he really is, as he professes to be, their friend.



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Governor Prevented Sale of Salmon to a Japanese Ship

Attitude of Secretary

The Interior Department is the guardian by law of the interests of these peoples, but how well this trust is performed depends largely on the interest and attitude of the Secretary himself.

On this score, the Senate committee is likely to question Mr. Hickel at length on what is known here as "the case of the Kuskokwim co-op." This involved the Governor's successful effort last June to prevent a group of 150 Eskimos at Bethel on the Kuskokwim River from selling their salmon to a Japanese buyer at higher prices than domestic buyers would pay.

The Kuskokwim affair, which stirred up a great controversy here, began in 1967 when Bruce Crow, an Eskimo leader, and six colleagues organized a buying and marketing cooperative.

Like most native villages, those on the Kuskokwim are rural slums. The Eskimos were almost outside the cash economy with an average income of perhaps less than \$500 a year, of which about \$200 came from salmon fishing.

"The New York Times" dated December 31, 1968

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No Canneries Were There.

Commercial fishing on the Kuskokwim had never amounted to much. The big Seattle packers had no canneries there. There was not even a cold-storage plant. Much of the catch, either fresh or smoked, was eaten locally.

With a loan from the Federal Department of Agriculture, the co-op built a small cold-storage plant. It paid the fishermen members roughly the same prices as the domestic buyers. But where the commercial companies bought only grade 1 king salmon, often culling out one-third of the catch, the co-op also bought grade 2.

Furthermore, the co-op bought the silver salmon that run in August after the kings have finished; the commercial buyers had rarely stayed around Bethel to buy silvers.

The difference in the co-op's buying practices in 1967 increased earnings for most members from \$200 to \$1,400. For some members their annual income increased from \$500 to \$2,000 and more.

Then Plant Burned

The next winter the cold storage plant burned.

There was not time to rebuild for the 1968 season. To keep their venture going and get money for a new storage plant, the co-op needed a buyer that would contract for the whole catch. The Alaska State Community Action Program, part of the Federal antipover-ty campaign, came to their aid. So did the Alaska Legal Serv-

ices, a group of lawyers hired by the Office of Economic Opportunity to give legal aid to the poor.

A buyer was found in Mitsubishi International, a Japanese company. Mitsubishi contracted with another Japanese concern to send its freezer ship Akitsu Maru No. 10 to the Kuskokwim River at the beginning of June to pick up dressed fish from the first run of kings.

The agreement called for 33 cents a pound for kings and 23 cents a pound for silvers, considerably more than the prices later paid nonco-op members by domestic buyers. Moreover, Mitsubishi agreed to pay 40 cents a pound for salmon eggs, which the domestic buyers had not taken.

Asked for Support

Mr. Crow, the co-op president, wrote Governor Hickel asking his support for the project, and Mitsubishi informed the Governor of the projected arrival of the ship at Bethel.

Yet, suddenly on May 31, as the ship was heading for the river, the newspapers reported that the Governor had sent letters to Mr. Crow and Mitsubishi, saying he would not approve the project and intimating he would not permit it to be carried out.

In the letter Mr. Hickel justified his action on these grounds:

¶There were enough American processors prepared to buy the catch.

¶The International North Pacific Fisheries Treaty (among the United States, Canada and Japan) prohibited such purchase and processing by the Japanese.

¶If the Japanese ship should come into Alaskan waters, it had to be by invitation of the governor.

In the letter to Mitsubishi, the Governor said the treaty "explicitly requires Japan to abstain from loading, possessing or transporting salmon from the waters which are specified in the treaty."

In the letter to Mr. Crow, he said he would "not allow the entrance of a Japanese freezing vessel into the Kuskokwim River."

Eskimo leaders were astounded. Mike Chase, chief of the village of Nunapitchuk who is a co-op member, said: "My wife gives them a chance to make money for themselves and their kids, not to be on welfare."

Lawyers for the Legal Services and other legal experts were also amazed at the Governor's reasoning.

First, they noted, a Governor had assumed the right to interpret a Federal treaty, a right reserved to the State Department and the courts. Second, they said the treaty dealt with the right to fish and not to buy fish from domestic producers. Third, they argued that the ship did not need an invitation from the Governor but simply had to be cleared in advance by the American consular service in Japan. Mitsubishi assured the Governor that the ship had been properly cleared.

By June 3, with the opening of the season a few days away, the ship was lying off the three-mile limit while the captain waited to see whether the Governor would take action to prevent her entering the

roadstead. Then over the next three days, these developments occurred:

Q A Federal judge denied the co-op's request for a restraining order against the Governor, saying there was no evidence he intended to interfere with the ship.

Q Governor Hickel wrote the State Department demanding verification of the Mitsubishi statement that the ship had been cleared. "If this report is true," he said, "it would seem to have been a matter of simple courtesy for the Federal Government to have advised the Governor of the state involved." (Actually it was not part of the State Department's duty to provide such notice, and the notice by Mitsubishi was a courtesy).

Q In a telegram to the Governor, Senator Ernest Gruening said: "I hope you will give the fishermen the benefit of the doubt. What possible harm can be done by doing so?"

Mr. Hickel wired back: "What possible harm? For one thing, harm to our processors who employ thousands of Alaskans through substantial capital investment."

Q On June 6 the State Department officer in charge of fishery treaties said: "If this is a transaction in normal trade, if they are buying the fish from American fishermen, we see no violation of the treaty."

The next day the Governor sent to Bethel a 10-man group headed by Charles H. Meacham, the State Director of International Fisheries, and including policemen and representatives of several state departments.

Mr. Meacham said:

"We are to do our fact finding and if we find anything to do something about, we'll do it. But first we've got to find something to do anything about, if we are going to do anything."

On June 8 the first fish were brought in, but the ship was still at the river mouth and the fish were flown to Anchorage. The ship's captain was evidently not taking any chances with the Governor's representatives still there.

Met Mitsubishi Agents

On June 11 the Governor met for several hours with three Mitsubishi representatives. Later an assistant, Walter Kubley, told reporters:

"The Governor did not presume to tell the Mitsubishi people how to do their business. There was no agreement as such, but it was understood that the Mitsubishi people would go to Anchorage and Bethel and make arrangements for living up to their contract to buy the co-op's fish."

The agreement, as the Governor understood it, evidently was that Mitsubishi would pay for the fish but fly them to Anchorage for dressing and freezing.

It did not work out that way. Mitsubishi took a few fish. Then, on June 13 Mr. Crow announced that Mitsubishi had sent him a note breaking the contract.

To Other Buyers

Stan Patty, an aide to the Governor, said arrangements would be made to have the fishermen sell their fish to other buyers than the co-operative.

"This," he said, "is to establish the policy that foreign fishing operations such as this freezer may come into Alaska only on the invitation of the Governor."

On June 14 the co-op paid to have several tons airlifted to Anchorage. But because of the delay and lack of ice almost all of it—8,875 pounds—spoiled.

There was a last ironic note. On June 27, after the American freezer ship Teddy sailed away with a full load of the co-op's salmon, the Governor "invited" the Akitsu Maru to put into Bethel and buy the rest of the salmon production. The Japanese agreed. They paid the co-op more than double the price per pound paid by the Teddy operators.

Alaskan Hickel No Pal of Eskimos

By Drew Pearson
and Jack Anderson

Several Senators, both Republicans and Democrats, are taking a close look at the man whom Robert O. Anderson, head of Atlantic-Richfield Oil, recommended to President-elect Nixon as Secretary of the Interior.

Gov. Walter Hickel is a close pal of the big oil companies, but he is no pal of the Eskimos and Indians. Yet as Secretary of the Interior, he will handle the affairs of all American Indians and indirectly influence the lives of the Eskimos.

In this connection, the most interesting incident in Hickel's career was his crackdown last summer on an Eskimo fishing cooperative at Kuskokwim, where he used state police and state officials to try to prevent an Eskimo co-op from selling its salmon catch to a Japanese freezer ship.

The full story of what happened is difficult to believe. It shows, however, that the Governor resorted to high-handed methods. His men tried to board the ship, until the Japanese captain refused to be intimidated. Then they buzzed the ship with a plane. Again the ship refused to be scared away.

Hickel then claimed that the ship was entering Alaskan waters without authority. The State Department, however,

ruled otherwise. It stated that the ship had been cleared by the American consul in Kobe, had been inspected by U.S. Customs, Health, Immigration and the Department of Agriculture, and was entitled to pick up Alaskan fish.

Hickel also publicly claimed the ship was violating the North-Pacific Fishing Treaty. Again the State Department said no.

OEO Encouragement

The story of Hickel's shocking behavior dates back to 1967, when Alaskan Eskimos, who had been netting around \$500 a year from their salmon catch, organized a cooperative with the encouragement of Sargent Shriver's Office of Economic Opportunity. They were aided by the Alaska State Community Action Agency and the Alaska Legal Services, which works for OEO.

First, they built a small cold storage plant at Bethel, where their fish could be stored to be marketed at higher prices later instead of selling immediately at the whim of Seattle buyers. The latter have taken advantage of Eskimo fishermen by buying salmon at around 15 cents a pound with no extra price paid for roe. Toward the end of the fishing season, furthermore, the Seattle buyers move on to other areas, and the Eskimo fishermen are left with no market at all. They must dry their

catch and eat it themselves during the winter.

However, the cold storage plant at Bethel, built by the Kuskokwim Co-op, mysteriously burned down. So this year the Eskimos, with the help of Alaska Legal Services, signed a joint contract with Mitsubishi International and Kyokuyo Hogei Ltd. The contract provided for buying the entire salmon catch of the Kuskokwim Eskimos at a price of 33 cents a pound for dressed king salmon and 23 cents for dressed silver salmon. This was double the price previously paid by Seattle middlemen. In addition, salmon eggs were to be purchased for 40 cents a pound.

But when the Akitsu Maru arrived to pick up the salmon catch last June, Hickel reacted as if he were faced with another Pearl Harbor. Completely ignoring the fact that his own Anchorage Natural Gas Company sells liquid gas to Tokyo, he seemed to think it was against the law for Eskimo fishermen to sell fish to Japan.

Secret Conference

When the captain of the Akitsu Maru refused to be intimidated by Hickel's 10-man task force of state officials, the Governor called Mitsubishi officials into a secret conference in Juneau.

"We asked that representatives of the Eskimo co-op sit in on the conference," said William Jacobs of the Alaska

Legal Services. "But we were refused. It was a star chamber proceeding."

"After representatives of Mitsubishi and the Japanese co-op had sat with the Governor for three hours," said Jacobs, "they came out and handed us a note that they were not going to buy any more fish. We have sued the Japanese for breach of contract, but it will take a long time to iron this out in the courts. Meanwhile, the Eskimo fishermen, who thought they had a contract to sell all their season's catch, are now left with a lot of spoiled fish on their hands. They flew several plane loads to Anchorage, but 4000 pounds spoiled before they could get it frozen."

The Eskimos of Kuskokwim will now have to go back on Federal and state relief to last out the winter. Had they gone through with their plan to sell their total catch to the Japanese, they would have made about \$2000 a year per fisherman.

During the same week, Hickel was bulldozing the Eskimos, the House Appropriations Committee in Washington voted \$1,700,000 to aid Alaska native fishermen. Of this, \$333,000 was for "welfare assistance to Alaskan natives affected by a tragic drop in the catch of fish last summer. As Secretary of the Interior, Hickel will be in charge of distributing these funds to the fishermen he intimidated last summer."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale *fw*

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *WVC*

SUBJECT: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL
SPECIAL INQUIRY - NIXON ADMINISTRATION

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My memorandum dated 1/2/69 (copy attached) set forth the results of an investigation of Governor Hickel of Alaska who has been designated Secretary of the Interior by Mr. Nixon.

Investigation was continued concerning allegations by Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson of misconduct by Governor Hickel involving fish contracts between Eskimos of Alaska and a company in Japan. Allegations were that Governor Hickel had used highhanded methods in buzzing a Japanese ship and trying to board the ship with State employees; that Japanese were to buy fish at a higher price than would be paid by domestic fisheries; that Alaska State employees met in secret conference, which the Eskimos were not allowed to attend, with the Japanese; further that the Japanese refused to buy the fish and a large quantity spoiled.

A representative number of individuals on both sides of the controversy have been interviewed. Investigation established no plane buzzed the ship, no State employees boarded the ship, and the conference of State officials and the Japanese was not secret. A large quantity of fish did spoil for failure to properly care for them. No one alleged Governor Hickel profited financially, and most stated he had followed established Alaskan policy of having fish processed by Alaskan processors prior to sale of overflow outside Alaska. Higher prices were not being paid by Japanese.

ACTION: It is felt the allegations against Governor Hickel have been sufficiently resolved and, if approved, there is attached a teletype to SAC, Anchorage instructing no further interviews be conducted in this matter.

Enc. *sent 1-3-69*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Lowie

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LAST, [REDACTED], ANCHORAGE, ADVISED THAT HE
IS ALSO [REDACTED] OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISH AND GAME AND
HAS HELD THIS POSITION SINCE APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. HE
FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION -

THIS BOARD CONSISTS OF TEN MEMBERS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY
THE GOVERNOR FOR A FOUR YEAR PERIOD WITHOUT PAY. THIS
APPOINTMENT REQUIRES APPROVAL BY THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE AND
MEMBER CAN BE DISMISSED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR CAUSE ONLY.

HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOVERNOR EVER ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE
ANY DECISIONS OF THE BOARD. THE BOARD'S ACTIONS ARE BASED UPON KNOW-
LEDGE RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC, FROM STAFF MEMBERS
OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND FROM THE PERSONAL
KNOWLEDGE OF BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNING THE FISH AND GAME SITUATION
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THE BOARD ON DECEMBER EIGHTEEN LAST PASSED A RESOLUTION ENDORSING ACTION TAKEN BY HICKEL DURING SUMMER OF NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT RELATING TO THE INTERVENTION OF A FOREIGN FISHERIES PROCESSING VESSEL INTO STATE WATERS OF THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER. THE BOARD GAVE ITS FULL SUPPORT TO HICKEL IN EXERCISING HIS EXECUTIVE POWERS TO REGULATE THE ENTRANCE AND ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN FISHERIES PROCESSING VESSELS IN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE STATE OF ALASKA.

THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER AREA HAS BEEN OPERATING ON A SMALL COMMERCIAL SCALE FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS AND IS CONSIDERED A NEW AND EMERGING FISHING AREA. THE BOARD OPENED THIS AREA FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING AND EXPANDED COMMERCIAL FISHING WITH INTENT TO GET LOCAL POPULATION TO CATCH AND PROCESS FISH CAUGHT.

[] HAS KNOWN HICKEL QUITE WELL SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYTWO SOCIALLY AND REGARDS HIM AS A MAN OF EXCELLENT
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CHARACTER AND OF UNQUESTIONABLE INTEGRITY, AND AS SINCERELY
INTERESTED IN PROBLEMS OF NATIVE ALASKANS AND OTHER CITIZENS
OF ALASKA AND ENTIRE COUNTRY. HE BELIEVES HICK^KEL ACTED
CORRECTLY AND IN BEST INTEREST OF NATIVE FISHERMEN CONCERNING
KUSKOKWIM INCIDENT, AND DID WHAT HAD TO BE DONE TO PROTECT NOT
ONLY THE FISHERMEN OF THAT AREA BUT THE CITIZENS OF ENTIRE
STATE. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS HICKEL FOR EMPLOYMENT IN A
HIGH GOVERNMENT POSITION.

ON JANUARY THREE LAST JOHN L. RADER, ATTORNEY AND ALASKA
STATE SENATOR, ANCHORAGE, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN GOVERNOR
HICKEL CASUALLY FOR TEN YEARS AS A FORMER FELLOW BUSINESSMAN
OF ANCHORAGE AREA AND HAS BEEN CONTACTED ON ONE OCCASION
BY HICKEL AS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE CONCERNING A STATE
MATTER. RADER FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION -

HE IS A MEMBER OF AN OPPOSING PARTY AND RECEIVED INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S ACTIONS IN NOT PERMITTING A JAPANESE
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FREEZER SHIP TO PURCHASE FISH FROM THE KUSKOKWIM FISHERMEN
COOPERATIVE DURING SUMMER OF NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT FROM
PEOPLE INVOLVED POLITICALLY AND HE IS NOT A DISINTERESTED
OBSERVER. HE WAS NOT IN KUSKOKWIM AREA DURING INCIDENT
BUT HAD BEEN THERE SHORTLY PRIOR THERETO DURING A CAMPAIGN TRIP.
AT THAT TIME THERE WAS A DISPUTE BETWEEN FISHERMEN IN THE
KUSKOKWIM AREA AS TO WHETHER THEY SHOULD BECOME MEMBERS OF THE
COOP AND SELL FISH TO JAPAN OR ALTERNATELY BE UNION MEMBERS AND
SELL FISH TO DOMESTIC BUYERS. THE SITUATION AT
THAT TIME WAS VERY CONFUSED AS MANY OF THE NATIVE FISHERMEN
APPEARED TO BE BOTH MEMBERS OF THE FISHERMEN'S UNION REPRESENTA-
TIVE OR THE COOP REPRESENTATIVE HAD THE ALLEGIANCE OF
MAJORITY OF FISHERMEN. HE BELIEVES GOVERNOR HICKEL'S ACTIONS
IN PREVENTING JAPANESE FREEZER SHIP FROM BUYING FISH FROM
THE COOP WERE WRONG AND THAT HICKEL HAD NO AUTHORITY TO INTERFERE
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WITH THE AGREEMENT THAT HAD BEEN.

MADE BETWEEN THE COOP AND THE JAPANESE FREEZER SHIP. IT IS HIS OPINION HICKEL ACTED WITHOUT LEGAL RIGHT AND ACCOMPLISHED HIS PURPOSE THROUGH THE WEIGHT OF HIS OFFICE RATHER THAN THROUGH PERSUASION. HE BELIEVES HICKEL'S ACTION WAS CAUSED BY ONE OF THREE POSSIBILITIES -

ONE. HICKEL MAY HAVE GOTTEN BAD LEGAL ADVICE.

TWO. HICKEL MAY NOT HAVE ASKED FOR LEGAL ADVICE, WHICH WOULD BE A SERIOUS LACK OF JUDGMENT.

THREE. HICKEL MAY HAVE RECEIVED CORRECT LEGAL ADVICE AND DISREGARDED THE ADVICE, WHICH WOULD ALSO INDICATE A SERIOUS LACK OF JUDGMENT.

RADER SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE HICKEL ACTED MALICIOUSLY OR OUT OF PERSONAL GAIN AND DOES NOT DOUBT THAT HICKEL WAS MOTIVATED BY WHAT HICKEL REGARDED TO BE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE NATIVE FISHERMEN INVOLVED. HE BELIEVES HICKEL IS SINCERELY
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INTERESTED IN THE WELFARE OF NATIVE ALASKANS AND OF ALL ALASKANS AND REGARDS HICKEL TO BE A MAN WHOSE INTEGRITY IS ABOVE REPROACH AND WHOSE LOYALTY TO THE U. S. AND TO THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA IS UNQUESTIONABLE. HE REGARDS HICKEL AS AN INTELLIGENT MAN WHO IS WELL MOTIVATED AND RECOMMENDED HIM FOR EMPLOYMENT AS SECRETARY OF INTERIOR WITH QUALIFICATION THAT PRESIDENT INSIST HICKEL TAKE ADVICE FROM COMPETENT ADVISORS UNTIL HICKEL HAS LEARNED THE VAST DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS OFFICE. RADER ADDED THAT HE PERSONALLY HOPES HICKEL'S APPOINTMENT IS APPROVED AS HE BELIEVES HICKEL WILL BE GOOD FOR ALASKANS.

ON JANUARY THREE LAST LIEUTENANT [REDACTED] SOUTH CENTRAL REGION, ALASKA STATE TROOPERS (AST), ANCHORAGE, ADVISED THAT HE IS IN CHARGE OF AST ACTIVITIES IN ALL REMOTE AREAS OF THE SOUTHCENTRAL REGION. [REDACTED] FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION -

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HE WAS IN CHARGE OF TROOPERS SENT TO THE BETHEL AREA WHEN WORD WAS ANNOUNCED THAT GOVERNOR HICKEL INTENDED TO PREVENT THE COOP FROM SELLING FISH TO A JAPANESE FREEZER SHIP. HE WAS IN BETHEL DURING A PART OF THE TIME WHEN INCIDENT OCCURRED AND CAN STATE POSITIVELY THAT THERE WAS NO HARRASSMENT OF THE JAPANESE SHIP, THE JAPANESE, MEMBERS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE COOP OR OF ANY OTHER FISHERMEN OR INDIVIDUALS IN THE AREA. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE AST WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY OFFICIAL CONFERENCES AND THAT ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT BE REQUIRED WOULD BE DONE ONLY UNDER COURT ORDER. THE AST WAS IN THE AREA FOR PURPOSE OF BEING AVAILABLE IN EVENT STATE LAWS WERE VIOLATED.

[] HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH COMMERCIAL FISHING FOR FIFTEEN YEARS AND HAS IN PAST WORKED AS COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN. IT IS HIS OPINION FROM HIS KNOWLEDGE OF COMMERCIAL FISHING AND OF [] THAT THE COOP WAS INCOMPETENTLY MANAGED AND WAS NOT PROPERLY PREPARED TO HANDLE THE FISH PURCHASED FROM FISHERMEN. IT APPEARED TO HIM THE COOP WAS

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ACTING ONLY AS AGENT FOR JAPAN. HE SAID [REDACTED] OF THE COOP, IN CONVERSATION WITH HIM IMPLIED THAT THE AST WAS THERE TO ENFORCE THE GOVERNOR'S WILL AND THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO [REDACTED] THAT THIS WAS NOT SO AND THAT THE AST WAS IN BETHEL ONLY TO ENFORCE STATE LAW IN EVENT OF ANY VIOLATION. HE SAID NO VIOLATION OF STATE LAW OCCURRED AND NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY AST.

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ON JANUARY THREE LAST [REDACTED], DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF LABOR, STATE OF ALASKA, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION-

HE WAS A MEMBER OF GOVERNOR HICKEL'S "FACT FINDING TEAM" WHO WENT TO BETHEL, ALASKA, ON ABOUT JUNE SEVEN LAST TO OBSERVE AND ASSIST THE KUSKOKWIM FISHERMEN COOPERATIVE, AND TO OBSERVE AND "CARRY OUT ANY NECESSARY ACTION" TO PREVENT A JAPANESE VESSEL IN THE AREA FROM LOADING FISH.
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HICKEL HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM DOMESTIC PROCESSORS THAT THEY COULD HANDLE THE FISH CATCH. IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THE JAPANESE OFFER TO BUY FISH FROM COOP WAS MADE TO ALASKA STATE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (ASCAP). [REDACTED] IS A MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ASCAP WHICH WAS A STATE AGENCY UNTIL ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN WHEN IT BECAME AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION. ASCAP HAS SPENT APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS OF TAXPAYER FUNDS WHILE ACCOMPLISHING VERY LITTLE AND AS A RESULT HICKEL ATTEMPTED TO RETURN IT TO STATE CONTROL DURING THE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LEGISLATURE, BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. THIS ATTEMPT CAUSED CONSIDERABLE HARD FEELINGS WITH ASCAP, WHICH HAD BEEN DEVELOPING OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS.

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[REDACTED] OF ASCAP IN AROUND AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH [REDACTED] WHOM [REDACTED] CONSIDERED HIS FISHERIES EXPERT. ASCAP IS FUNDED BY THE OFFICE
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OF ECONOMIC OPPURTUNITY. THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] RESULTED IN THE KUSKOKWIM FISHERMEN COOPERATIVE WITH [REDACTED] AS MANAGER.

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THE MITSUBISHI COMPANY, LTD. OF JAPAN, BY LETTER DATED APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, COMMUNICATED THEIR PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE FISH FROM THE COOP. A LETTER DATED MAY TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, WAS SENT TO THE MITSUBISHI ADVISING THE SITUATION DID NOT WARRANT THEIR PROPOSAL AND THAT THE GOVERNOR DID NOT APPROVE THEIR OFFER. A SIMILAR LETTER WAS SENT TO THE COOP ADVISING OF THE GOVERNOR'S ACTION.

[REDACTED] SAID ON JUNE THREE LAST A TELEGRAM WAS SENT TO GOVERNOR HICKEL FROM AN ASSOCIATION OF KOSKOKWIM FISHERMEN OPPOSING SALE OF FISH TO JAPANESE. A MEETING WAS HELD ON JUNE NINE LAST BY THE KUSKOKWIM FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION AT
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NAPAKIAK, ALASKA, ATTENDED BY ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, THIRTY MEMBERS OF THE KUSKOKWIM FISHERMEN COOPERATIVE AND ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS. AT THIS MEETING A NEARLY UNANIMOUS VOTE WAS TAKEN OPPOSING SALE OF FISH TO THE JAPANESE AND REQUESTING JAPANESE VESSEL DEPART THE AREA. AT THIS MEETING A STRIKE WAS ALSO CALLED DURING THE FIRST FISHING PERIOD FOR HIGHER PRICES FROM DOMESTIC PROCESSORS. AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON JUNE TEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, BETWEEN THE KUSKOKWIM FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND DOMESTIC PROCESSORS AT A PRICE OF FOUR DOLLARS PER FISH WITH THE PROCESSORS RIGHT TO REJECT ANY FISH UNDER FIFTEEN POUNDS. THE FACT FINDING TEAM ASSISTED THE COOP IN OBTAINING PROPER LICENSING, TUBS FOR SHIPMENT AND ADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION. PRICE IN EXCESS OF JAPANESE PRICES WERE OFFERED THE COOP AND DOMESTIC PROCESSORS OFFERED FORTYSIX CENTS PER POUND FOR KING SALMON AND FORTYTWO CENTS PER POUND FOR ROE AS COMPARED WITH THE JAPANESE PRICE OF

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THIRTYTHREE CENTS PER POUND FOR SALMON AND FORTY CENTS PER POUND FOR ROE. THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED TO [REDACTED] WHO SAID HE WAS CONSIDERING ANOTHER OFFER. THE STATE ASSISTED THE COOP BY SENDING CARGO PLANES TO BETHEL, LOCATING SHIPPING TUBS, ICE AND OFFERED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SINCE IT APPEARED OBVIOUS THE COOP WAS BEING MANAGED IMPROPERLY.

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[REDACTED] SAID THE COOP WAS COMPLETELY UNPREPARED TO HANDLE FISH, HAD LITTLE ICE ON HAND AND AT ONE TIME HAD ONLY ONE ELDERLY WOMAN CLEANING FISH. ON JUNE SEVENTEEN LAST, FOUR SEPARATE OFFERS BY THE STATE WERE MADE TO CROW TO FIND ADDITIONAL HELP AND ALL EXCEPT THE FINAL ONE WERE REFUSED, WHEN CROW FINALLY AGREED TO HIRE TWO "SLIMMERS".

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AS AN EXAMPLE OF COOPERATION AND INTEREST DISPLAYED BY LOCAL PROCESSORS, [REDACTED] SAID AN ANCHORAGE FIRM OFFERED TO ADVANCE THE COOP TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH IF NEEDED ALONG WITH AN OFFER OF FORTYSIX CENTS PER POUND FOR KING SALMON
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AND FORTYTWO CENTS PER POUND FOR ROE. [REDACTED] SAID THAT AT NO TIME WAS THE JAPANESE VESSEL OR PERSONNEL HARRASSED BY ANYONE AND THAT THE COOP WAS GIVEN COMPLETE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE BY THE FACT FINDING TEAM. HE DID NOT PERSONALLY SEE ANY FISH PERMITTED TO ROT OR SPOIL BY THE COOP. IT IS HIS OPINION THE KUSKOKWIM SITUATION WAS AN ATTEMPT TO EMBARRASS HICKEL AND HIS ADMINISTRATION DUE TO HICKEL'S ATTEMPT PREVIOUSLY TO RETURN ASCAP TO STATE CONTROL. IT IS ALSO HIS OPINION THAT HICKEL UNQUESTIONABLE ACTED IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COOP AND DOMESTIC PROCESSORS. HE RECOMMENDED HICKEL FOR ANY HIGH POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

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ON JANUARY THREE LAST [REDACTED] INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DIVISION, ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, FAIRBANKS, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED IN FISHERIES BUSINESS A LARGE PART OF HIS

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LIFE, HAS SERVED AS TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO U. S. DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES IN AFRICA AND ADVISOR TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA ON FISHERIES. [] FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION -

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HE WENT TO BETHEL, ALASKA, DURING SALMON RUN OF NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AS PART OF GOVERNOR HICKEL'S "TASK FORCE" TO OBSERVE PROCESSING AND SALE OF SALMON. HE OBSERVED FISH BEING DELIVERED TO [] AND LOADED ON A BARGE WITH NO EFFORT MADE TO CLEAN OR PROCESS THEM. [] CLAIMED THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE TO DO THE JOB AND THIS WAS REPORTED TO []

[] SEVERAL HOURS LATER [] OBSERVED STILL NO EFFORT WAS MADE TO PROCESS THE FISH AND [] REFUSED AN OFFER OF MR. [] WHO WAS ALSO WITH THE TASK FORCE, TO OBTAIN AIR TRANSPORTATION OF THE FISH TO ANCHORAGE. THE FOLLOWING MORNING [] OBSERVED THE FISH ON []'S BARGE, BEING COVERED WITH A HEAVY CANVAS TARP, WHICH, AS WELL KNOWN AMONG FISHERMEN, WOULD CAUSE "COOKING" OF THE FISH. LATER THAT

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AFTERNOON THE FISH WERE DECLARED UNFIT FOR PROCESSING AND [] THEN LAUGHED AND SAID, IN EFFECT, ALL RIGHT, WE WILL THROW THEM BACK IN THE RIVER. []'S EXCUSE FOR NOT PROCESSING THE FISH WAS LACK OF CONTAINERS AND ICE, BOTH OF WHICH WERE AVAILABLE TO HIM. [] CONCLUDED THAT BASED UPON HIS OBSERVATION AND EXPERIENCE IN THE FISHING INDUSTRY HE HAD NO ALTERNATIVE OTHER THAN TO BELIEVE THIS WAS A DELIBERATE SPOILAGE OF FISH ON THE PART OF []

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ON JANUARY ONE LAST, [] CHRISTIANSEN AIR SERVICE, BETHEL, ALASKA, AND FORMER ALASKA STATE REPRESENTATIVE FROM NINETEEN SIXTY TO NINETEEN SIXTYSIX AND PRESENTLY REELECTED ALASKA STATE SENATOR FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM AFTER HAVING SERVED AS SAME FROM THE BETHEL DISTRICT FROM NINETEEN SIXTYSIX TO NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, REPRESENTS LARGEST NATIVE AREA IN STATE, ABOUT TEN THOUSAND RESIDENTS. THE PRIMARY INDUSTRY IN WHOLE AREA IS COMMERCIAL FISHING.
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IN SPRING OF NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, UPON RETURNING TO BETHEL, HE WAS INFORMED A JAPANESE SHIP WAS IN AREA TO BUY UNPROCESSED FISH AND ALSO THAT LOCAL FISHERMEN WANTED A PRICE INCREASE IN FISH. MEETINGS WERE HELD IN NAPAKIAK, ALASKA, A FISHING VILLAGE WITH ABOUT TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY FISHERMEN REPRESENTED FROM THE VARIOUS VILLAGES. AT THAT MEETING, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE KUSKOKWIM FISHERMEN COOPERATIVE, INC., BETHEL, THE VOTE WAS ALMOST UNANIMOUS TO REFUSE TO SELL TO JAPANESE AND TO INCREASE PRICE OF FISH TO FISHERMEN FROM THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS FOR KING SALMON TO FOUR DOLLARS AND FROM FORTY CENTS TO SEVENTY CENTS APIECE FOR SILVER SALMON. SUBSEQUENTLY THE TWO INDEPENDENT PROCESSORS IN BETHEL AND THE COOP AGREED TO THE PRICE INCREASE. ON THE BASIS OF THE DESIRES OF THE MAJORITY, HE SENT WIRES TO GOVERNOR HICKEL, ALASKA'S TWO SENATORS IN CONGRESS AND TO THE ANCHORAGE PRESS, ENDORSING THE NATIVES. THE VOTE TO REFUSE TO SELL TO

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JAPANESE BASED ON BELIEF IT WOULD THEN AND IN FUTURE EFFECT THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA. HE STATED, ALTHOUGH A MEMBER OF AN OPPOSING POLITICAL PARTY, HE BACKED HICKEL'S ACTION AS IT WAS FOR THE BENEFIT OF NATIVES. [REDACTED] MANAGER OF COOP DOES NOT ENJOY A FAVORABLE REPUTATION IN AREA DUE TO HIS INEFFICIENT OPERATION AT THE COOP AND FOR LETTING ABOUT THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY KING SALMON SPOIL ON A BARGE IN JUNE SIXTY EIGHT. THESE FISH HAD BEEN PURCHASED FROM FISHERMEN AND WERE NOT GIVEN PROPER CARE. THE CLAIM OF [REDACTED] WAS HE HAD NO ICE FOR THEM AND HAD AIR TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS TO SHIP OUT FISH ON HAND. THE FISH COULD HAVE BEEN SALTED AND PROBABLY SOLD TO THE TWO INDEPENDENT PROCESSORS NEARBY TO PRECLUDE SPOILAGE. HE SUSPECTS SPOILAGE DELIBERATE TO EXPLOIT SITUATION AND TO PROVIDE UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY TO GOVERNOR HICKEL. THERE WAS NO HARRASSMENT OF THE JAPANESE SHIP ALTHOUGH NUMEROUS

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PEOPLE FLEW OVER IT OUT OF CURIOSITY. STATES HICKEL A MAN OF INTEGRITY AND WHOSE SINCERE INTERESTS ARE WITH THE PEOPLE AND STATE OF ALASKA. HE ENDORSED HIM AS HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR POSITION OF SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.

ON JANUARY ONE LAST, [REDACTED] DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, STATE OF ALASKA, BETHEL, ADVISED HE HAD SUMMER JOB WITH KUSKOKWIM FISHERMEN COOPERATIVE, INC. DURING SUMMER OF SIXTYEIGHT, RISING FROM MERE LABORER TO BEING IN CHARGE OF PROCESSING FISH AND SHIPPING THEM. RECALLS ONE BARGE LOAD OF ABOUT THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY KING SALMON WHICH COULD NOT BE PROCESSED BECAUSE THE COOP'S WAREHOUSE WAS FULL OF PROCESSED FISH AWAITING AIR TRANSPORTATION OUT. THESE FISH EVENTUALLY PROCESSED, THAT IS HEADED AND GUTTED AND PLACED IN ICE, AND SHIPPED OUT. HEARD LATER A BATCH HAD BEEN CONDEMNED IN ANCHORAGE, BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THESE WERE THE SAME FISH. ADMITTED THERE WAS UTTER CONFUSION IN MANAGEMENT OF COOP

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BUT DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER IT WAS CAUSED WHEN GOVERNOR HICKEL REFUSED SALE TO JAPANESE CAUSING THEM THEREBY TO RE-GEAR THEIR OPERATION FOR AIR SHIPMENT TO THEIR MARKETS, BELIEVED TO BE IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, OR WHETHER IT WAS DUE TO CROW'S MANAGEMENT AND INEXPERIENCE IN SUCH AN OPERATION. HE STATED HE WAS NEVER ORDERED AND NEVER AT ANY TIME RECEIVED IMPRESSION FROM CROW TO ALLOW ANY FISH TO SPOIL. HE KNOWS NOTHING OF COOP MANAGEMENT, THE CONTRACT, PRICES PAID OR COOP MARKETS. IT IS HIS PERSONAL OPINION IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH EASIER TO SELL TO NEARBY JAPANESE, BUT ADMITTED HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY RESTRICTIONS TO THIS BY TREATIES, CONVENTIONS, STATE POLICY OR THE EFFECT ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY. THE COOP OPERATION WAS NOT SMOOTHLY RUN. IT WENT FROM CRISIS TO CRISIS, CREATED BY FISHING PERIODS, LACK OF MANPOWER ON OCCASION, LACK OF TIMELY AIRCRAFT TO AIRLIFT FISH OUT. HE IS AWARE REPS. OF

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HICKEL'S STAFF IN BETHEL CAME TO COOP AND OFFERED SUGGESTION TO IMPROVE OPERATION BUT SUGGESTIONS AND WHETHER IMPLEMENTED BY CROW ARE UNKNOWN. HE VOLUNTEERED HE READ DREW PEARSON'S ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT LAST AND CONSIDERS IT NOT ONLY UNFAIR BUT ALSO OUT OF PROPORTION TO SITUATION AS EXISTED. THERE WAS NO BUZZING OF JAPANESE SHIP TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. HE IS NOT ACQUAINTED PERSONALLY WITH HICKEL.

ON JANUARY ONE LAST, GEORGE H. HOHMAN, BETHEL, A REELECTED ALASKA REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, FROM BETHEL, AND A MEMBER OF AN OPPOSING POLITICAL PARTY TO GOVERNOR HICKEL'S, ADVISED HE FELT HICKEL'S ACTION AGAINST SELLING FISH TO JAPANESE RESULTED IN FINANCIAL LOSS THE LOCAL ECONOMY, A DEPRESSED COMMUNITY WITH SIXTYPERCENT-UNEMPLOYMENT AND WITH A PER CAPITA INCOME OF FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS ANNUALLY. STATED IT WAS ONLY COMMON SENSE TO SELL FISH, PROCESSED BY LOCAL HELP TO EXTENT POSSIBLE BY FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO JAPANESE RATHER THAN AIR SHIP THEM TO OTHER MARKETS. END PAGE TWENTY

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THE AIR COSTS WOULD HAVE BEEN A SAVING TO THE KUSKOKWIM FISHERMEN COOPERATIVE, AND WOULD HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN THE FORM OF DIVIDENDS, FOR HELP ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF COOP, DIVIDENDS TO THE RESPECTIVE VILLAGES OR FOR LOANS TO FISHERMEN. THERE WAS NO CURTAILMENT OF FISHING ON PART OF COOP MEMBERS AND ONLY LOSS TO COOP WAS THE SPOILED FISH AND PROBABLY AIR COSTS TO SEND FISH TO THEIR MARKETS. REASONS FOR FISH SPOILAGE BELIEVED DUE TO LACK OF AIR TRANSPORTATION FOR THEM. STATED SITUATION BLOWN ALL OUT OF PROPORTION BY PRESS AND RADIO AND TV AND REASONS UNKNOWN. FISHERMEN ENJOYED A PROFITABLE SEASON. BELIEVES GOVERNOR HICKEL A QUALIFIED PERSON FOR POSITION OF SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.

ON JANUARY TWO LAST, [REDACTED] KUSKOKWIM FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION, NAPASKIAK, ALASKA, ADVISED COOP FORMED IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN THROUGH EFFORTS OF [REDACTED] OEO COORDINATOR FROM BETHEL. FACILITIES REBUILT AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] NSTALLED AS MANAGER. [REDACTED] HAS POOR REPUTATION IN AREA

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IS A FORMER BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TEACHER AND INEXPERIENCED
IN COMMERCIAL FISH PROCESSING OPERATION. [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED] ARRANGED CONTRACT WITH JAPANESE TO SELL KING AND
SILVER SALMON. A MEETING OF TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY FISHERMEN

FROM ALONG RIVER VOTED ON PRICE INCREASE FOR KINGS FROM

THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS TO FOUR DOLLARS AND FROM

FORTY CENTS TO SEVENTY CENTS APIECE FOR SILVERS. ALSO VOTED

NOT TO SELL TO JAPANESE. NATIVES HAVE INHERENT FEAR OF JAPANESE

AND BELIEVED SELLING TO JAPANESE WOULD AFFECT THEIR FISHING

INDUSTRY. TWO ADDITIONAL MEETINGS HELD AND WERE ATTENDED

BY NON-COOP AND COOP MEMBERS. IT WAS AN OPEN MEETING WHERE

EVERYBODY COULD TALK AND EXCELLENT INTERPRETERS WERE USED.

MEETING ATTENDED BY [REDACTED] SUPRA, [REDACTED] SUPRA

[REDACTED] DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF LABOR, ALASKA,

ABOUT THREE HUNDRED FISHERMEN OF WHICH FIFTY WERE COOP MEMBERS.

TWO HUNDRED FINALLY VOTED ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE PRICE

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INCREASE TO DOMESTIC PROCESSORS TO WHICH COOP AGREED AND
ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY AGREED NOT TO SELL TO JAPANESE. SUBSEQ-
UENTLY A PETITION WAS CIRCULATED AND SIGNED BY THE FISHERMEN
AND SENT TO GOVERNOR HICKEL. HE NOTED THAT [] IS FAIRLY
POPULAR WITH TUNDRA ESKIMOS, THOSE WHO LIVE INLAND FROM THE
KUSKOKWIM RIVER, AND EVEN FIFTY OF THESE PEOPLE VOTED FOR
THE PRICE INCREASE AND NOT TO SELL TO JAPANESE, HE BELIEVES THE
MAJORITY OF NATIVE COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN IN AREA ENDORSED
HICKEL'S ACTION, HOWEVER, AN ISSUE WAS MADE OF THE SITUATION
AND IT WAS BLOWN ENTIRELY OUT OF PROPORTION. THE NATIVE FISHERMEN
HAD AN EXCELLENT FISHING YEAR IN WHAT IS NOW CONSIDERED A
RELATIVELY NEW FISHING INDUSTRY IN THAT AREA. NATIVES MADE
MORE MONEY THAN EVER BEFORE. HE STATED [] AND SELECT
FRIENDS AND FISHERMEN FROM THE TUNDRA VILLAGES FLEW TO
ANCHORAGE AND THERE APPEARED BEFORE TV AND RADIO AND PRESS AND
MISINFORMED THE PUBLIC OVER THIS SITUATION. NO NATIVES WHO HAD
ENDORSED HICKEL'S ACTION WERE INVITED TO APPEAR AND
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CONSEQUENTLY A ONE SIDED VIEW WAS PRESENTED. IT WAS AN
EXPLOITATION AND VERY CAPABLY HANDLED BY NOT ONLY [] AND
HIS NATIVE FRIENDS, BUT ALSO BY [], ASCAP,

AND ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES, INC., THE LEGAL ARM OF ASCAP.

WITH REGARD TO THE FISH SPOILAGE WHEREIN SEVERAL
THOUSAND POUNDS OF FISH SPOILED ON A COOP BARGE, THERE WAS
ABSOLUTELY NO NEED FOR THIS TO HAPPEN AND

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IN HIS OPINION WAS ALLOWED TO HAPPEN TO EMBARRASS HICKEL.

HE STATED [] CLAIMED THAT [] COULD NOT FIND A BUYER
FOR THE FISH, WHEREAS HE WAS PERSONALLY AWARE THAT SHENK
BROS. AND THE KUSKOKWIM PACKERS COMPANY, DOMESTIC PROCESSORS
IN BETHEL, OFFERED TO BUY THESE FISH FROM THE COOP AT THE

TIME. ALSO [] CLAIMS THERE WAS NO ICE, YET HE WAS IN
THE PRESENCE OF SHENK BROS. AND KUSKOKWIM PACKERS CO. WHEN
THEY OFFERED ICE TO [] TO COVER THE FISH EXPOSED TO THE
SUN ON THE BARGE. [] DECLINED SALE AND OFFER OF ICE.

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EDGE PRUPOSELY TRAVELED FROM HIS VILLAGE TO BETHEL AND
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OBSERVED THE FISH. HE STATED THAT [] COULD HAVE SALTED THEM THEREBY PRESERVING THEM ANOTHER WEEK, OR COULD HAVE GIVEN THEM AWAY TO BETHEL NATIVES. IT IS OPINION OF

EDGE THAT FISH SPOILAGE WAS DELIBERATE ON PART OF [] AND THAT [] WAS IN SOMEWAY INVOLVED. EDGE HAS KNOWN [] SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE IN FAIRBANKS, ALASKA. HE CLASSIFIED [] AS A TRUE SOCIALIST.

[] BECAME EXEC. DIRECTOR, ASCAP, AND IT IS OPINION OF EDGE THAT [] WHO HAS NEWSPAPER EXPERIENCE, IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLOWUP OF THE KUSKOKWIM SITUATION AND THE ADVERSE PUBLICITY HICKEL RECEIVED. HE DOUBTS IF THIS COULD EVER BE PROVED, BUT STATED HE (EDGE) IS A FORMER HIGH RANKING REPUBLICAN PARTY COMMITTEMAN, WELL VERSED IN POLITICS AND VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT [] AND OTHERS IN ALASKA. WITH REGARD TO [] ADVISOR TO ASCAP, HE STATED THAT [] PROBABLY INITIATED THE CONTRACT BETWEEN COOP AND JAPANESE. [] WHOM HE STATED EVEN

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THE JAPANESE DO NOT LIKE, IS SUSPECTED OF HAVING SWINDLED SEVERAL JAPANESE COMPANIES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS IN FISH CONTRACTS, AND HE SUSPECTS [REDACTED] PURSUED THIS CONTRACT IN AN ATTEMPT TO RIGHT HIMSELF WITH JAPANESE INTERESTS. HE DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS A THIEF AND NOT A TRUSTWORTHY INDIVIDUAL. WITH REGARD TO ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES, INC., THEY ENJOY A POOR REPUTATION IN THE AREA OF BETHEL. THEY HAVE BECOME INVOLVED IN VILLAGE ISSUES OF WHICH THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A PART AND HAVE CREATED DISSENSION AND DISTRUST AMONG THE NATIVES. HE STATED IT WAS AN EXCELLENT FISHING YEAR FOR THE NATIVES WHO COMPLETELY ENDORSED HICKEL'S ACTION AND THAT HE, ALTHOUGH NOW A MEMBER OF AN OPPOSING POLITICAL PARTY, STRONGLY RECOMMENDS HICKEL AS A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL FOR SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.

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ON DECEMBER THIRTY FIRST LAST, TROOPER [REDACTED]
ALASKA STATE TROOPERS, BETHEL, ADVISED RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION OF FIRE OF COOP IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, INCONCLUSIVE AS TO INTENTIONAL ARSON OR ACCIDENTAL ARSON BY UNKNOWN PERSONS. EVIDENCE LOCATED AT FIRE INDICATES POSSIBLE INEBRIATED PERSON OR PERSONS WERE IN BUILDING AT TIME. NO SUBJECTS IDENTIFIED AND NO REASON FOR ARSON BY INTERESTS OPPOSED TO [REDACTED] DEVELOPED. STATED [REDACTED] HAS MEDIOCRE REPUTATION IN AREA. ALLEGED THAT CROW WAS ASKED TO RESIGN FROM BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TEACHING POSITION, REASON UNKNOWN TO HIM. [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY TAUGHT FOR ALASKA DEPT. OF EDUCATION AND RESIGNED TO ACCEPT MANAGER POSITION AT COOP. STATED THERE WAS NO BUZZING OF JAPANESE SHIP TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. [REDACTED] MERELY AN OBSERVER AT SCENE.
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ON JANUARY TWO LAST, [REDACTED] OF ESKIMO BIRTH, NUNUAPITCHUK, ADVISED HE IS A COOP MEMBER, A FRIEND OF [REDACTED] AND A PART TIME FISHERMAN, WHEN HIS JOB PERMITS. HE BELIEVES HICKEL'S ACTION WAS DETRIMENTAL TO NATIVES OF AREA AND CAUSED A LOSS TO ECONOMY ONLY IN THAT THERE WAS NO RETURN TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COOP OF PROFITS MADE BY COOP. BELIEVES COOP HAD TOO MANY EXPENSES IN FLYING FISH TO ANCHORAGE MARKETS TO ALLOW ANY RETURN TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND IN THIS SENSE, HE CONSIDERED THERE WAS A LOSS TO THE FISHERMEN. HE STATED AT [REDACTED] REQUEST HE TRAVELED TO ANCHORAGE AND THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY [REDACTED] HE APPEARED^{RE}

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D BEFORE THE PRESS AND TV AND OUTLINED HIS THOUGHTS WITH [REDACTED] HE MADE SEVERAL SUCH TRIPS WITH [REDACTED] HE STATED HE DID NOT AGREE WITH HICKEL AND BELIEVES THE ECONOMY SUFFERED.
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HE DOUBTS IF THE MAJORITY OF FISHERMEN ENDORSED HICKEL,
EXPLAINING THAT NOT ALL OF THE COOP'S MEMBERSHIP
ATTENDED THE MEETINGS CONCERNING THE PRICE INCREASE AND
WHETHER TO SELL TO JAPANESE. HE BELIEVES THE LACK OF AIR
TRANSPORTATION RESULTED IN SPOILAGE OF A CERTAIN BATCH
OF FISH IN BETHEL AND HAS NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT
FISH INTENTIONALLY PERMITTED TO SPOIL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: 1-6-69

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY - NIXON ADMINISTRATION

SYNOPSIS:

Partial results of our Special Inquiry investigation of Interior Secretary-designate Hickel were forwarded to Mr. Ehrlichman 1-2-69. Additional investigation has now been conducted regarding allegations in Drew Pearson's column 12-27-68.

A review of press articles indicates Senate Interior Committee has received some 200 letters, all critical, mostly from conservation groups. We could obtain their identity and interview representatives of these groups. A number of senators and congressmen have publicly opposed Hickel's nomination and they could be interviewed to get them on record.

Another article in the press points out that all 14 Senate Interior Committee members are westerners and that in Nixon's nomination of Hickel he may have backed into his first scrap with the Senate. All 14 Committee members could be interviewed. One press article goes so far as to state that the core of mounting opposition comes mainly from Democratic congressmen west of the Mississippi. To cover this thoroughly would require interviewing all Democratic congressmen west of the Mississippi. Additional allegations have been made in Pearson's column 1-6-69, regarding Hickel's allowing lumber mills to dump sawdust into Alaskan waterways thereby polluting the water and killing the fish. Additional investigation could be conducted regarding this.

The mounting opposition to Hickel's nomination is drawing almost daily press comments. Consequently, it is believed that we should highlight this to Mr. Ehrlichman and request his opinion as to whether or not all persons criticizing Hickel's nomination appearing both previously and in the future in the press should be interviewed.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to Mr. Ehrlichman containing results of additional investigation conducted with regard to allegations in Pearson's column of 12-27-68. Mr. Ehrlichman is being asked if he desires that we interview representatives of conservation groups, senators and congressmen who have publicly criticized this nomination. Encs. *sent 1-7-69*

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Memorandum to Mr. Gale
RE: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL

DETAILS:

The results of our Special Inquiry investigation of Interior Secretary-designate Hickel were forwarded to Mr. Ehrlichman January 2, 1969. The investigation has been kept open inasmuch as it was not possible to obtain all information by that date.

A review has been made of articles appearing in the press wherein certain individuals and groups are critical of Hickel's nomination. Those that were not covered in the summary previously forwarded would be as follows:

The "Sunday Star" of 1-5-69, indicates the Senate Interior Committee has received some 200 letters, all critical, mostly from conservation groups. These letters are attributable to a statement made by Hickel that he did not believe in "conservation for conservation's sake." If desired, we could determine from the Senate Interior Committee the identity of the conservation groups complaining and interview representatives of these groups.

Both Senators from Wisconsin and Senator McGovern of South Dakota are mentioned in yesterday's 1-5-69, "Sunday Star" as being critical of Hickel's views on conservation. Similarly, Representative Patsy Mink of Hawaii has stated that Hickel has an apparent dislike of Hawaii's applications for foreign trade zones and oil import quotas. Also, Representative Richard McCarthy (D-NY) according to the "Evening Star" of 1-1-69, has written a letter to the New York Senators in which he states, "Hickel does not fit the bill." He claims Hickel's record shows him to have been allied with huge oil and real estate interests and antagonistic toward Eskimo fishing rights. All of these persons could be interviewed to get them on record.

The "Sunday Star" of 1-5-69, points out that all 14 Senate Interior Committee members are westerners and that in Nixon's nomination of Hickel he may have backed into his first scrap with the Senate. All 14 Committee members could be interviewed to get them on record. The "Sunday Star" of 1-5-69, also states that reservations regarding Hickel's nomination have been mounting rapidly and that the core of mounting opposition comes mainly from Democratic congressmen west of the Mississippi. It would, therefore, appear that to cover this thoroughly, all Democratic congressmen west of the Mississippi should be interviewed.

Memorandum to Mr. Gale
RE: WALTER JOSEPH HICKEL

Our memorandum January 3, 1969 (attached), shows that numerous allegations were made in Drew Pearson's column dated December 27, 1968, and that during the course of our Special Inquiry investigation we had interviewed individuals on both sides of the controversy without verifying any of the allegations made by Pearson.

In Pearson's column of 1-6-69, he makes additional allegations regarding Hickel's allowing lumber mills to dump sawdust into Alaskan waterways thereby polluting the water and killing the fish. No investigation has been conducted regarding these allegations and we could pursue this.

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The following individuals should be interviewed concerning the activities of WALTER HICKEL:

AT BETHEL, ALASKA

RAY CHRISTIANSEN, State Senator.

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AT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

[REDACTED] Attorney, Alaskan Legal Services.
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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

[redacted] Rural Alaskan Community Action Program, interviewed and he declines to recommend HICKEL because he does not believe HICKEL has the best interest of the native Alaskan at heart and that he is fearful he will embarrass the NIXON administration. He recommends interviews of certain individuals in Alaska.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA

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Date January 6, 1969

[redacted] Rural Alaskan Community Action Program, formerly known as Alaska State Community Action Program (ASCAP), advised on January 2, 1969, that he has known WALTER HICKEL since 1956 on a first name basis through the Republican Party activities of each and said that he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Alaskan Senate when HICKEL was elected governor on the Republican ticket. [redacted] stated that he could not recommend HICKEL to be Secretary of the Interior because he did not feel that HICKEL had the true interests of the Alaskan natives at heart. He stated that the entire natural resources picture in Alaska is very complicated and that big business interests are extremely influential and often inimical to the best interests of the native Eskimos and Indians. [redacted] stated that he felt HICKEL would be on the side of big business even though HICKEL has spoken out in favor of the natives. He felt that he has never shown any real interest and has not acted for the natives of Alaska. Furthermore, he stated that he felt the NIXON administration could be embarrassed by HICKEL because he felt HICKEL was inept. [redacted] predicted that the first major decision HICKEL would be called upon to make would probably be one that was not probably thought out and all the facets of the problem considered and hence embarrass the NIXON administration. He described HICKEL as "imperialistic and paternalistic" and said that this was demonstrated when HICKEL in criticizing the ASCAP program because the committees were traveling from place to place throughout the state and HICKEL considered this wasteful; he stated that he as governor could and should make the decisions for the native Indians and Eskimos rather than putting these problems to the people. [redacted] criticized this attitude and said that it would be very difficult to justify in our participating and democratic form of government. [redacted] stated that it was his opinion that HICKEL's opposition to the cooperative was because he feared that they may become a power bloc in the state and a danger to the Republican administration.

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With respect to the article which was published in various newspapers written by DREW PEARSON, [] stated that this article was a "gross exaggeration" and typical of DREW PEARSON, whom he said "gets a few facts and fills in the rest to suit himself". [] said there was no "buzzing" of the Japanese ships and that flights over the ships were routine, entirely legal and not harrassing in any way. He stated the flights are always made to observe the activities of any foreign ships in Alaska waters. [] stated also that the boarding of Japanese ships was attempted by state authorities but that this was entirely legal inasmuch as the matter was presented to the Attorney General before any action was taken and that the Attorney General decided that the ships should not be boarded. [] stated that it was his understanding that the Japanese masters were cooperative. [] also remarked that the cold storage plant at Bethel was undoubtedly burned as a result of arson but that he felt it would be very difficult to prove.

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Concerning the interest that ASCAP had in the whole picture, he stated that this organization receives funds from the Office of Economic Opportunity and that it is now called the Rural Alaskan Community Action Program (RACAP). He stated that he, as the executive director, is aware that the organization was solicited in an effort to attempt to improve the conditions of the native fishermen in the Kuskowim River area. He stated that the assistance took the form of organizing a cooperative which was to eventually produce a year round program that would benefit the native fishermen and reduce the relief rolls for the state. [] stated that there was some opposition to the cooperative mostly from local politicians who feared that the large fish processors would be damaged by the competition and that the purchasing of local salmon by foreign countries would ruin the fishing industry in Alaska. [] stated that both of these claims were ridiculous inasmuch as the annual income from the cooperative was an insignificant amount and that the activities of the cooperative at Kuskowim were limited and sales to foreign countries could not possibly hurt Alaskan fishing industry. [] stated that it was his opinion that it was just the reverse because the foreign vessels would accept the entire catch of the natives and would also return for the Silver Salmon run and purchase these fish also which the local processors could not do. []

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pointed out that the local processors were very selective in their purchases and would not accept anything but prime fish which was a considerable hardship on the native fishermen because they were often left with one-half or more of their catch which was unacceptable to the local processors.

[] made reference to the claim that fish were spoiled to embarrass the HICKEL administration. He stated that he did not feel this was so and that the spoilage was a natural and unfortunate thing that resulted merely from inadequate facilities at Bethel where the cooperative was located. He stated that they did not have icing facilities and with the lack of a cold storage plant and the inability of the planes to fly the fish out, as well as unusually warm weather, all contrived toward the spoiling of about 8,000 pounds of fish. b6 b7C

[] stated that he did not wish to imply at any time that HICKEL was dishonest or that he was financially advantaged by any of his decisions. He stated that he believed however that his first interest would be political and he felt that he has received political benefits from some of his decisions.

The following individuals were recommended by [] to be interviewed concerning Governor HICKEL:

[], Attorney, Alaskan Legal Services, Anchorage, Alaska.

[] "Anchorage Daily News", Anchorage, Alaska.

JOHN RADER, Attorney and State Senator, Anchorage, Alaska.

[] Attorney and Deputy Commissioner of Labor, Juneau, Alaska. b6 b7C

RAY CHRISTIANSEN, State Senator, Bethel, Alaska.

[] stated that he did not wish to furnish a signed statement concerning the foregoing but that he

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would be willing to appear at any hearing which was afforded HICKEL or at any hearing in which HICKEL's qualifications were to be discussed and evaluated.